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## WASHINGTON MAINTAINS COMPLETE SECRECY AS THE FATEFUL DAY OF ABROGATION APPROACHES

### No Temporary Agreement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles disclosed today that the United States will not enter even a temporary agreement to replace the Commercial Treaty with Japan which expires on Jan. 26, unless Japan has made effective guarantees that American interests will receive equal and fair treatment hereafter in the Japanese-occupied areas in China.



Chinese Maritime Customs officers on the Shataukok border examine everything in or out of Chinese territory. Here is an officer making an examination for contraband.

### "Make Your Dollars Fight For Freedom"

#### CANADA'S FIRST WAR LOAN

OTTAWA, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Canada's first war loan was opened to subscription today with the slogan "Make your dollars fight for freedom."

One of the first subscription to be received was one of \$25,000 from the Dionne Quintuplets Trust Fund.

Colonel Ralston, Canadian Finance Minister, declared that Canadians should concentrate on winning the war by subscribing to the war loan. He added that United Kingdom purchases from Canada in the first year of the war will amount to \$100,000,000.

#### NIGHT FLIGHT OVER GERMANY

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is believed that British reconnaissance planes flew over northern Germany during the night. German wireless stations were silent for some time which is the usual practice when British planes are in the vicinity.

The Air Ministry made no official announcement but it is understood that only in case of exceptional flights, similar to those to Vienna and Prague, will an announcement be made in the future. See Also Page 7

### Compulsory Service Tribunal

Public sessions of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, No. 32 of 1939 will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, Friday, Jan. 23 and Monday, Jan. 29.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (REUTER).—THE COMPLETE SECRECY THAT HAS BEEN MAINTAINED IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE CONCERNING FUTURE AMERICAN-JAPANESE RELATIONS SHOWS NO SIGNS OF BEING LIFTED AS THE FATEFUL DAY OF JAN. 26, WHEN THE ABROGATION OF THE EXISTING TRADE TREATY BECOMES EFFECTIVE, APPROACHES.

Only one thing emerges as certain out of the welter of irresponsible speculation that has been the order of the day here is that a new treaty cannot be signed by the President alone.

The President could abrogate a treaty by his own power but Congress alone can provide a new treaty.

The general expectation among foreign diplomatic circles here is that after Jan. 26 conditions provided for under the existing treaty will be allowed to continue almost indefinitely on the month-to-month basis so that no new treaty will be negotiated nor any drastic change enforced.

It should be emphasised, however, that there is not one shared of official evidence to confirm even this prediction which must, therefore, remain in the realm of speculation until such time as the present official silence is finally broken.

#### "EXPECT SOMETHING"

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—"We expect something from the Department of State before January 26," declared a Foreign Office spokesman at the press conference this morning.

Forecasting that there would be no change in the continuity of Japanese foreign diplomacy, he revealed that Mr. Kensei Horinouchi, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, on December 23 presented a draft for modus vivendi to Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State.

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Publication of the well-known evening newspaper Journal Des Debats has been suspended for two days by the censorship authorities.

## Terrible Conflagration In Japan: 300 Dead, 1,500 Buildings Destroyed

TOKYO, JAN. 15 (REUTER).—A TERRIBLE DISASTER OCCURRED IN JAPAN TODAY WHEN A CONFLAGRATION, TAKING A TOLL OF 300 LIVES and destroying about 1,500 buildings, broke out at noon in Shizuoka, the famous tea shipping port.

The fire, fanned by a south-easterly gale, spread in all directions and gutted the railway station, the Post Office and other important buildings. The conflagration was still raging at 5 p.m.

Telegraph and telephone communications have been interrupted. The Station Master in Tokyo has been informed that half Shizuoka City has been burned down while traffic on the Tokyo-Osaka main line has been interrupted indefinitely.

A pilot of Japan Airways reports that heat at an altitude of 1,500 metres was terrific and that the whole town appeared to be in flames.

#### POLISH CONSUL TO JOIN LEGION

SPECIAL TO THE H.K. DAILY PRESS SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (Havas).—After a four-month wait for permission from the Polish Government, M. Andrezej Bohomolec, acting Polish Consul-General here suddenly left for France to join the Polish Legion.

In his absence, M. Deroset, Polish Charge d'Affaires, will perform the duties of Consul-General.

## Goering's Ascendancy Over Von Ribbentrop

SPECIAL TO THE H.K. DAILY PRESS AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15 (Havas).—Indications of Field Marshal Goering's ascendancy over Herr von Ribbentrop are seen in the appointment of Herr Wohltat, Goering's right-hand man, as chief negotiator in the German-Soviet economic modus vivendi, possible in the future, of extensive Soviet raw materials to the Reich.

Herr Wohltat, who heretofore was executor of the German Four-Year plan, replaces Dr. Karl Ritter who assumes other functions.

Field-Marshal Goering's view, like the Army's view, is that Germany can benefit from an alliance with the U. S. S. R. only if Soviet economics are placed under German control.

Dutch politicians deem Dr. Wohltat's appointment as progress towards this goal and prove that the Nazis believe that the time is ripe to impose their will upon the Reds.

#### NAZI S.S. AGENT DISCOVERED IN COLUMBUS

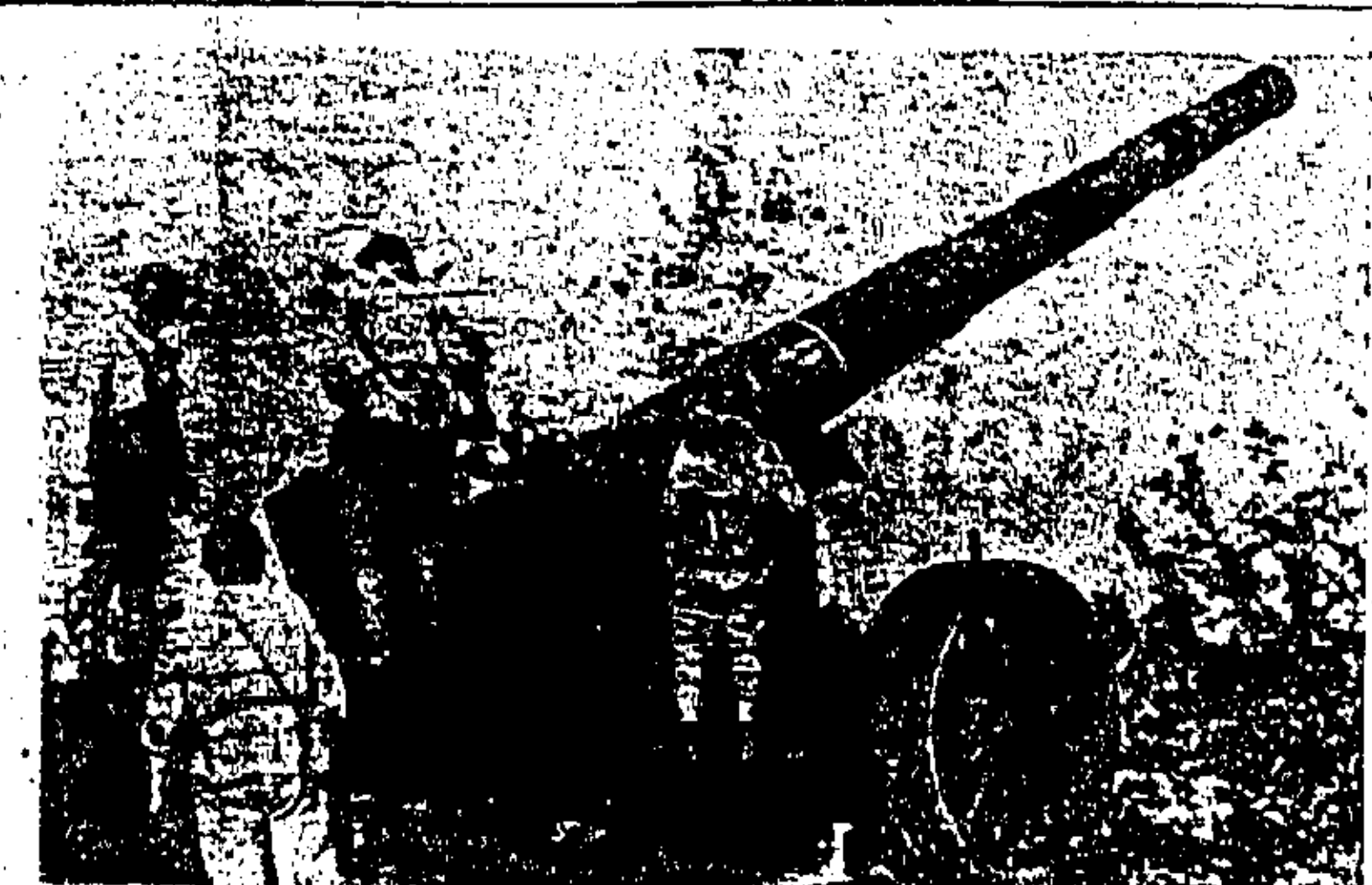
NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Karl Schlueter, Nazi secret service agent, who fled from America in October, 1938, at the time of the spy trial, is now under custody having been found by the Federal authorities working as a steward on the scuttled liner Columbus.

He was indicted in 1938 with 17 others, three of whom are now in goal.

503 MEN LEAVE  
NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Five hundred and three men of military age from the German liner Columbus left for the Pacific coast en route to Germany. They will travel via Japan and the Soviet Union.

IRISH NAMES  
NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Seven of those arrested (See page 4, column 2) are stated to have Irish names.

According to a Detroit dispatch, Father Connelley, the "radio priest," declared that the Christian Front used his names without his authority.



French heavy gun and crew on the Western front.

## FULL ARMY SUPPORT FOR YONAI

### CABINET WILL FOLLOW MODERATE LINE

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—With the full support of the Army behind him, the new Premier, Admiral M. Yonai's selection of Ministers has progressed smoothly and he is expected to complete the task today.

Mr. H. Arita will be Foreign Minister and it is expected that General S. Hata will remain War Minister.

Admiral Yonai, when Navy Minister in the Hiranuma Cabinet, strongly opposed strengthening of the anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance and his staunch opposition with Mr. Arita (then Foreign Minister) finally turned the tide of Japan's foreign policy.

It is considered very probable that the new Cabinet will follow the moderate line adopted by Admiral Nomura, Foreign Minister in the out-going Abe Cabinet.

#### FIVE POSTS FILLED

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister-designate, Admiral Mutsunaga Yonai has so far succeeded in filling five posts in the new Japanese Cabinet. They are as follows:—

Foreign Affairs—Mr. Hachiro Arita (he held the same portfolio in the Hiranuma Cabinet);

Navy—Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida;

War—General Shunroku Hata;

Justice—Prosecutor-General—Mr. Naotatsu Kimura.

Overseas Affairs—General Kunikida Koiso (he held the same portfolio in the Hiranuma Cabinet);

Admiral Yonai is now engaged in the very difficult task of negotiation with potential appointees for the portfolios of Finance, Home Affairs, Agriculture and Commerce.

These Ministries are considered to be very important in connection with the new issue of the firm establishment of the Government's internal, financial and economic policies to cope effectively with the China incident.

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## CHINESE SECTION OF SHATAUKOK STILL DESERTED VILLAGE: ALMOST EVERYTHING VALUABLE DESTROYED BY THE JAPANESE TROOPS

### Barbed-Wire Left In Large Quantities: Police Curbing Bandit Nuisance

BY A H.K. DAILY PRESS STAFF REPORTER

In contrast to Shumchun which is rapidly returning to normal, the Chinese section of Shataukok is still a deserted village. I visited the town yesterday and learned that the Chinese seem reluctant to return to this district owing to recent depredations by gangs of bandits from the hinterland.

THE CHINESE POLICE, OF COURSE, HAVE TAKEN CONTROL AND ARE GRADUALLY CLEARING THE DISTRICT OF THIS NUISANCE.

In the course of a survey of the town and the surrounding villages I found that the Japanese had destroyed practically everything of value in the district before they left. The doors and windows of the houses had been torn off their hinges and even the rafters from the roofs of several houses, had been stripped off in their need for timber.

Not even ten per cent. of the population have as yet returned in spite of encouragement from the National Government who have offered to rehabilitate the district.

As it is, the section of Shataukok which the Japanese have just left presents a strange contrast to the British outpost on this border. Through the main street runs a barbed wire fence which is the boundary between the Colony and the former occupied section, and while normal life is proceeding busily where the Union Jack flies, the other side of the fence presents a picture of desolation and ruin.

MARKET THROGGED  
The market centre and shops and in the British section are thronged with crowds while the other half of the street is entirely empty, the houses along it being either closed or in ruins. In the back streets an occasional house



This wire fence running through the main street of Shataukok marks the boundary between British territory (on left) and Chinese territory. While conditions are normal on the British section the other side of the fence is one of desolation and ruin.

## Thrilling Battle Between Chinese Police And Bandit Gang Near British Outpost

BY A H.K. DAILY PRESS STAFF REPORTER

Revolvers and guns barked in the little hamlet of Im Tin Au, five miles from the British outpost in Shataukok, at noon yesterday when Chinese police and bandits from the interior clashed in an half-hour engagement.

I reached the scene of the conflict a couple of hours later and saw signs of the fighting in bloodstains in the streets and bullet marks on the walls of the houses.

As none of the police received any injuries, it is evident that the casualties were all on the side of the outlaws.

Inquiries as to the cause of the clash elicited the information that a band of about 20 desperadoes swooped down on the village shortly before noon with the obvious intention of looting the few residents who had returned to take up their abode in Im Tin Au following the Japanese withdrawal from the district recently.

Before they could accomplish their purpose, however, the plucky small Chinese police force, though greatly outnumbered, engaged the would-be plunderers in what must have been a thrilling battle.

Taking cover in some of the deserted dwellings in the village, the bandits, who were taken aback by the consistent firing of the police, were able to beat a somewhat disorderly retreat in the course of which at least two of them must have been wounded to judge by the trail of blood left behind.

has been reoccupied and I found the inmates gazing despondently at the destruction around them.

Reorganisation and reconstruction is however, forging along steadily. The Chinese Police have been augmented to combat the bandit menace and to restore law and order while the Chinese Maritime Customs keeps a strict and vigilant eye on everyone and everything that passes in and out.

There is evidence throughout the district that the Japanese departed in a hurry as they have left behind large quantities of barbed-wire and other materials.

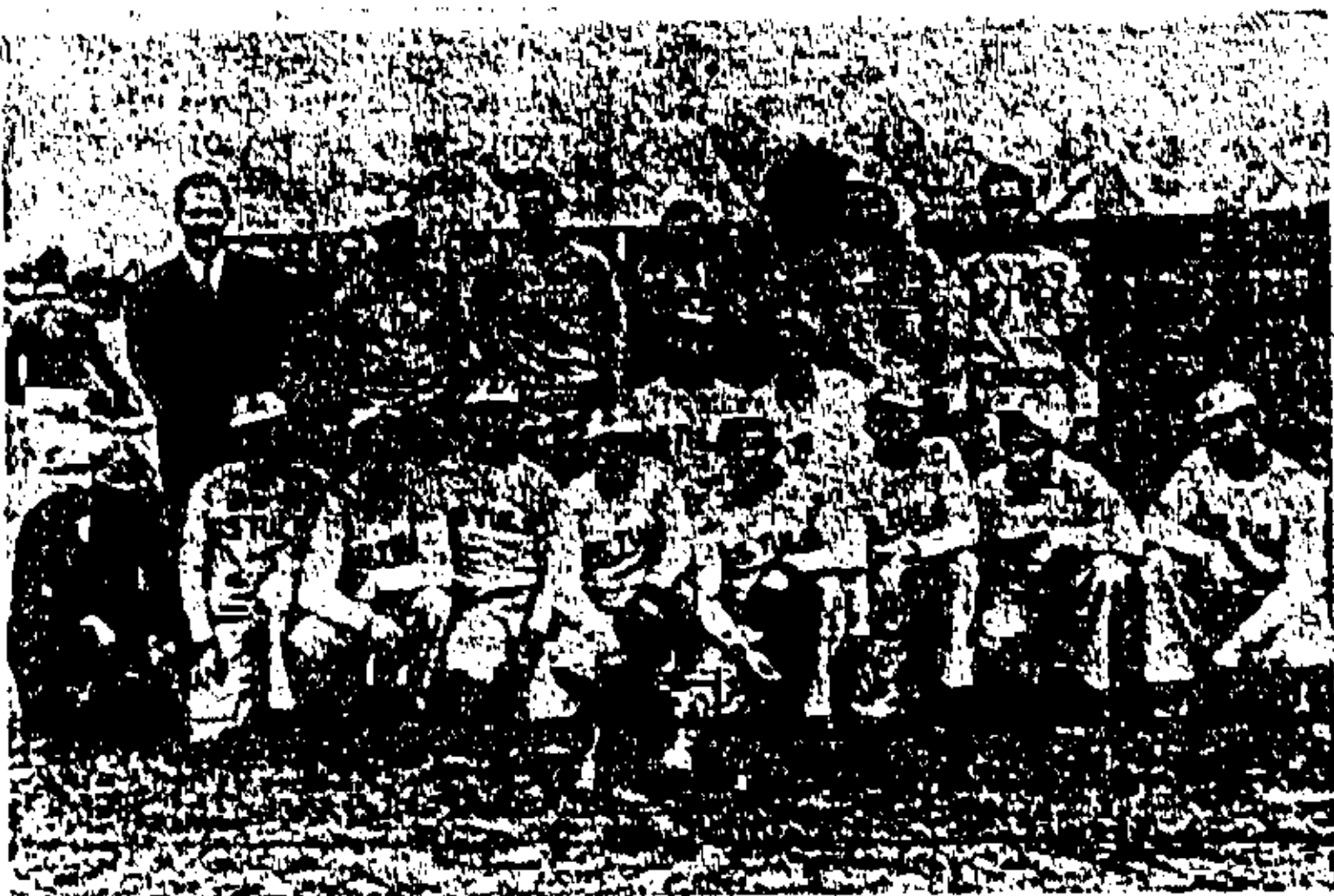
## SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS FETED IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Jan. 15 (Central).—Sir Stafford Cripps, former Labour Party leader in the British Parliament, who arrived in Chungking last Saturday via Rangoon, was entertained by Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-president of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance, at a dinner party tonight.

Sir Achibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, and Lady Kerr, were also guests of honour.

Also invited to the function were Gen. Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War, Admiral Chen Shao-kwan, Chief of the Naval Board of the Military Affairs Commission, Mr. T. K. Tseng, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and other high Government officials.





The U. S. S. Tulsa softball team which beat the Combined Chinese in a charity encounter at the Kowloon Football Club on Sunday.

## Kotewall Cup Competition

### ARMY TO PLAY NAVY ON THURSDAY

The Army will play Navy in the first round of the Kotewall Cup Competition on the South China ground at Caroline Hill on Thursday, Jan. 18, instead of on Wednesday, Jan. 17, as originally arranged.

In the second round of this competition, to be played on Sunday, Jan. 21, South China will meet the losers in the first round. The match will take place on a neutral ground, that is, the Army ground at Sookunpo if the Army wins, or the Navy ground at Causeway Bay, if Navy wins.

## H.K. DERBY SWEEP: 68,000 TICKETS SOLD

Tickets sold in the Hongkong Jockey Club's Derby Sweep, to be drawn on Monday, Feb. 19, had exceeded 68,000 yesterday. Though sales have so far been sluggish, it is expected that an improvement will be shown towards Chinese New Year.

Proceeds this year, after deduction of payment for prizes and expenses, will be donated to the British War Organisation Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

**TO-DAY**  
GOLF—Third Round, Railway and Ross Cups.  
HUNTING—Annual Meeting, Fanling Hunt and Race Club, Jardine Matheson's Board Room.  
RUGBY—Army League, Middlesex v. 8th Hvy. Regt. (Sookunpo), 2.45 p.m.; Engineers v. Royal Scots (Sookunpo), 4 p.m.

**TO-MORROW**  
BADMINTON—B. Division K.C.C. v. V.R.C.; St. John's v. King's College; Recoil v. Kowloon Tong.  
LAWN BOWLS—H.E. the Governor's Team v. U.S.R.C. at U.S.R.C., 3.30 p.m.  
RIFLE SHOOTING—Spoon and Practice Shoot, Kowloon City.

## BOXING CONTROL

### FUTURE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Sydney Hulls, the boxing promoter, and Mr. Jack Solomons, manager of Eric Boon, resigned their membership of the British Boxing Board of Control at a meeting of the board when both were asked to answer charges of having broken regulations, says Harold Lewis in the Daily Telegraph.

Mr. Hulls was being examined with regard to permitting an unauthorised person to enter a dressing-room and Mr. Solomons was concerned in incidents at the recent tournament at Harringay.

Mr. Hulls told me that his decision meant that he would not pay the board's 5 per cent. "tax" on the Harringay tournament. He will continue to promote boxing. The effect of this is that all associated with Mr. Hulls—boxers, managers, referees, seconds and timekeepers—must either be people not holding the board's licence or if they hold it to forfeit it at once.

"I see no difficulty," said Mr. Hulls. If this is so, it means the end of the Board of Control.

## H.K. GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS

### G. W. Reeve Holes Out in One

Playing to the third hole (Deepwater Bay) 185 yards, G. W. Reeve holed out in one on Sunday last.

**ADAMSON CUP**  
D. Humphreys, with a score of 73-7-66, qualified in the January Qualifying round of the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley.

There were 10 entries.  
**BOGEY PAR POOL**  
On the New Course at Fanling, J. Linaker (17) won the Bogey Par Pool competition with a score of one up.

One card, with a score of two up, was returned, but was disqualified. There were 14 entries.

**G.M. YOUNG CUP**  
The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank beat Dodwell & Co. in the semi-final of the G. M. Young Cup. The winners will meet Butterfield & Swire in the final.

**CAPTAIN'S CUP**  
The following are the results of the second round of the Captain's Cup 1939 competition (match play stages):

J. W. Mayhew (10) beat G. Riddell-Carre, one up; D. S. Edward (4) beat M. J. Reidy, 5 up and 4; N. K. Littlejohn (10) beat J. Forbes (12); J. T. Smith (2) beat S. T. Butlin (15) 2 up and 1.



On left, Miss M. Griffiths and Mrs. Chin Chun-chiu who defeated Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Knight (right) in the semi-final of the Colony Ladies Doubles Tennis Championship on Sunday at the U. S. R. C.

## H.K. HOCKEY CLUB'S TEAM TO MEET H.K.S.R.A.

The following team will represent the 1st XI of the Hongkong Hockey Club versus the H. K. S. R. A. on the Club ground tomorrow (Jan. 17) at 5 p.m.

V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond, E. V. Read, N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed, R. A. Bates, S. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett (CAPT.), T. D. Whitley, B. I. Bickford.

## F.A. MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council, which was to have been held yesterday to inquire into the conduct on the field on two Royal Scots players, was postponed to next Monday, owing to the Regiment being out on exercises.

## MINISTERS TAKE SHORT FLYING TRIP

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter)—The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, the new War Minister, Mr. Oliver Stanley, and Mr. S. M. Bruce, Australian High Commissioner in London, went for a short flight in one of the giant Sunderland flying-boats used in coastal reconnaissance work by Australian airmen. They were piloted by Australian.

## BRITISH WAR ORGANIZATION FUND, HONGKONG: GENERAL WU TE-CHEN'S BIG DONATION

The latest list of subscriptions to the British War Organization Fund, Hongkong Branch, contains a number of interesting items, which brings the total of the Fund now to \$368,714.32.

Chief among these is a donation of \$10,000 from Mr. Haakon J. Wallem, of Bergen, who is well-known in the Colony, and a donation of \$3,252.84 from General Wu Te-chien, Minister for Overseas Affairs in Chungking.

The list includes an item of \$2,137.85, which was raised by the Navy, Army and Air Force Christmas Draw at the China Fleet Club—a commendable effort of the men themselves.

### H.K. POLICE FORCE

All contingents and clerical staff of the Hongkong Police Force have subscribed \$1,492.15, while Indian Guards and Watchmen of the Force have subscribed \$538.

### A CORRECTION

In last week's list the items appearing as "Royal Naval Hospital—Children's Party," was wrongly named, as the Party was organized by the Entertainments Committee and held at the Peninsula Hotel.

### COMPLETE LIST

The following is the complete list:

Previously Acknowledged \$342,931.25:  
Sum Chung Hing 100; Sun Yat Cho 100; Ng Hui Sang 100; Leung Fong 100; Wing Hong 100; Mak Fung 100; Szeto Shing 5; Choy Kit Si 5; Chong Yik 25; P. K. Kwok 100; Mak Tsun Sam 10; Fung Man 5; Sun 10; Chan Pak Luk 5; Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Wong 250; Choi Po Tin 100; Chinese Club 150; Lock Phoon Shan 100; M. S. Chan 25; U. Spallinger & Co. S.A. 10; Lai Tung Fan 100; Sun Sea Chun 10; Wai Tai 10; Miss Katie 25; S. Yik Ki 25; Ko Yan Hon 5; Wong Chik 5; Luck Pak To 5; Lam Hing 10; Cheng Pan 5; Kwan Y. Kwong 25; Compradore Dept. S.S. Kinshan 10; Ng Yun Sang 5; Ho Yu Tin 10; Choy Shiu Cheung 5; Wong Yik 10; Ching Yu Chiu 10; Hung Man Chiu 10; Po Kwong Optical Co. 5; Mow Kee Ladies Tailor 5; Chan M. Tonsil Pairour 10; Wan Kow Bookshop 5; Lai Yuen Roast Meat Shop 5; Wah Pong Photographer 5; Hongkong Typewriter Co. 5; Li Shiu Koon 5; Li Yau Shi 30; Mok Chak 5; Lun

On Glinger Co. 25; Sun Chan 5; Hang Heung Yuen 5; Tsui Heung Yuen 10; Lai Kwok Neon Light Co. 5; Tai Kwong Ming Optical Co. 5; Sui Yick 5; Chung Yuen Electric Co. 10; Sun Chai Lung 5; Kan Moet Co. 10; Chui Sin Restaurant 5; Li Ling 5; Lok Wah 5; Leung Fook 5; Tung Yuen Restaurant 10; Tin Wah Restaurant 10; Yip Cheung Lung. Win Chai Chai, Wing Sun Cheung, Kwong Chak Yan, Hon Man Hon, No. 31 Des Voeux Rd., Wong Cheung, J. S. Punnett, Wai Shun, Chan Chak, Radio Co. To Yee Kok, Mok Tup, Mut Leung Tai Nam, Mak Kam Por, Sui Lo, Wing, Pat Printing Co., each \$5; Tai Sang Goldsmith Shop 10; Lam Pak To 5; Far East Motor Car Co. 5; Ip Man Hing 5; Tai Ho Romance Tensorial Pairour 5; Tai Hing Goldsmith Shop 10; Tai Wah Goldsmith Shop 10; Shing Cheung 5; Kwong Hing Lung Glass Factory 20; Kwong Tai Lung Glass Factory 25; Sai Wah Lead Factory 10; Tung Wo Hing 5; San Shing Wo 5; Sui Yick 10; S. B. Punnett (Monthly) 20; Miss I. M. Anderson (Monthly) 50; Miss I. N. Watkins 40; H. S. Hills 250; Some of the Chinese Staff—Wilkinson and Crist (Dec.) 20; D. G. Day (Monthly) 15; A. H. Guinness (Monthly) 20; Anonymous 40; Working Party, V.S. R.C. 30; S. E. Edgar 5.

General Wu Te-chien \$3,252.84; H. M. Miller (Monthly) 15; Haakon J. Wallem 10,000; St. Andrew's Society—Scottish Concert 1,980.70; Kowloon Cricket Club—Children's Sports 36.70; Anonymous 50; Lambert Dunbar and Co. 250; J. N. Gershevich 100; Foreign Staff—H.K. Telephone Co., December 145; Wallace Harper and Co., Junior Staff 20; Peter J. Jackson 10; Some of the Chinese Staff—Halls Wharf 44.03; M. J. Patell 300; Stewards Dept. (Chinese Crew) S.S. Nellore 25; Stewards Dept. (Chinese Crews) S.S. Tandra 25; Misses Allen and Doris Woods (Monthly) 5; Passbook Holders—Shui Tai and Co. 150; Cap Road School 20; Navy Army and Air Force—Xmas Draw at China Fleet Club 2,137.85; In appreciation of a Bonus 25; Hongkong Police Force—All contingents and clerical staff—December 1,492.15; Hongkong Police Force—Indian Guards and Watchmen 538; Youth Frontiers (Monthly) 25; T. J. Fenwick (Monthly) 40; E. P. Streetfield (Monthly) 30; W. W. Rae (Monthly) 25; E. A. R. Newton—January 25; Mr. and Mrs. Ngan Shing Kwan 300; South China A.A. 100; Pung Wai Hin 5; Leung Cho Yu 5; Cheung Man Tung 5; Li Yuen Sun 5; Cheung Hing Sun 5; Kan Shiu Cho 50; Yuen Tai Son 100; Wing Shing Loong 25; Luen Tai Insurance Co. Ltd. 50; Wing On Insurance Co. Ltd. 50; Luen Yick Insurance Co. Ltd. 50; Man Insurance Co. Ltd. 50; Fung On Insurance Co. Ltd. 50; Chinese Medicine Menants Union Club 500; Kwong Chun 10; Man Fook Shing 10; Wing Shun Wo 10; Wai Yuen Chong 10; Staff, Secretary for Chinese Affairs Office 81.50; Sincere Insurance Co. 50; Chun On Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. 50; The Yat Cho 50; Loke Wah Cheong 500; Per Mr. Leung Pak Pui \$450; Chung Shun Chamber of Commerce 100; Anonymous 50; Total \$368,714.32.

**BANKER'S ORDER**  
Miss K. M. Anderson \$50.

## ARSENAL DRAW WITH MILLWALL

Millwall ..... 3 Arsenal ..... 3  
Arsenal, playing Millwall for the first time for 30 years, pulled up to draw 3-3 after being three down. Leslie Compton, the best full-back who ever turned himself into a centre forward, scored two in a second-half storm.

The faithful assembled to the tune of 15,000 for the match—the capacity maximum allowed. And so for the second week running the outside attendance was reached—with the Arsenal the drawing card each time.

The match itself was a pippen, fast and open, with Millwall spurring off from the whistle like sprinters. They piled on the pressure, gradually eased under the severity of the Arsenal defence, and found, like so many sides before them, that they were up against the best second-half team in the country.

### SPURS TEST BARTRAM

Tottenham ..... 4 Charlton ..... 2  
It was well for Charlton that Sam Bartram was in fine form between the sticks.

Tottenham's new "shooting star," Bennett, fired shots at him from all angles. Charlton were outclassed both at half-back and forward, yet they made a great fight of it.

Spurs opened the scoring through Bennett, and three minutes from the interval Robinson equalised.

Charlton took the lead after 61 minutes, when Brown took advantage of a mistake by Hooper. This lead did not last long, however, for Bennett forced his way through for his second goal.

Tottenham piled on the pressure and Bennett put them in front. Right on time Howe scored a fourth goal.

**BARNESLEY JUST WIN**  
Barnsley ..... 2 Notts County 1  
Barnsley made strong attacks, in

## New German Ban On Private Cars

### URGENT JOURNEYS ONLY

The New Year has brought further restrictions of the use of motor-cars in Germany. The running of private cars is now prohibited unless the owner can satisfy the police, who will picket the roads, that his business or professional errand could not have been accomplished by any other means.

Driving to a restaurant or theatre is an offence punishable with imprisonment.

An owner must keep his vehicle in going condition, however, ready for instant requisitioning. The penalty for failure to obey this order is imprisonment or penal servitude.

Only about 15 per cent. of the number of registered private cars are now on the road. There are practically no taxicabs.—Daily Telegraph

## 500,000 CARS MAY BE LAID UP

Nearly half the private cars in England were, on the latest estimate, been laid up or sold for scrap when the year expired.

Owing to petrol rationing just under 400,000 cars were laid up at the end of the September quarter. Now there is the new 25s per h.p. tax to be faced as well as a strictly rationed petrol at 13 10d a gallon.

According to an official of the newly formed motor trade "war executive," reports collected from all parts of the country indicate that one-third of the remaining 1,600,000 cars still in use will not be re-licensed at the New Year.

If these estimates prove at all accurate, the result will not only be disastrous to one of the biggest retail trades in the country, but a serious drop in revenue for the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The 900,000 cars to be laid up will include almost all the high-powered vehicles, which to the tax-collector are the most lucrative. Assuming that they average only 18 h.p. and to be laid up only for the first quarter, Sir John Simon will lose £5 in vehicle tax on each, or £450,000.

### LOSS ON PETROL

If using only the basic petrol ration each car would consume in the three months 24 gallons, which is equivalent to 18s each in petrol tax revenue or £810,000 for the lot, making a total loss to the Treasury from this wholesale laying up of £3,300,000 for the three months.

But the blow will fall more directly and more swiftly on the retail motor trade with its 25,000 firms, large and small, and its 250,000 employees. Many of these are already hard put to it to pay their rates and not a few are bankrupt. The distress in the New Year, with trade reduced by 60 per cent. or more will be deep and widespread.

The motor trade's "war executive," which intends to bring the greatest possible pressure on the Chancellor when Parliament re-assembles, is now urging car owners to think again before finally deciding to lay up their cars.

They point out to owners that once a car has been laid up it will be difficult to sustain a claim for supplementary rations afterwards.—Daily Telegraph

## NO KNOWLEDGE OF HOSPITAL BURNING

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Reuter)—Referring to the burning by Japanese soldiers of the hospital of the British-owned Methodist Missionary Society near Wutzing, Shanmoo, on Christmas Day, a Foreign Office spokesman said that he had no knowledge of the incident. He thought no protest had been made.

which Steele, Bullock, and Smith were prominent. Steele, scored for Barnsley, but Notts Co. pressed, and Duncan equalised. England gave Barnsley the lead just before the interval.

Barnsley attacked strongly, on resuming. Steele twice sending over the bar, and Bullock narrowly missed, scoring. Hall, the County goalkeeper, gave a good display, and Mills and Bailey were sound defenders.

## VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

PARADES	LEAVE
1st Battery Jan. 19, Belchers, 5.45 p.m. B.C. Staff, No. 3 and No. 4 gun detachments and D.R.F. Specialists. Battery drill. Dress—Overalls, caps and gun platform shoes. Lewis Gunners: Jan. 18, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction. Dress—Overalls and caps.	Gnr. H. W. Howell, 2nd Bty., 8.12.39 to 8.14.40. Pte. R. G. Xavier, Fd. Ambulance, 5.1.40 to 4.2.40. Pte. Y. Chow, No. 4 Coy., 12.1.40 to 12.2.40. Pte. J. K. Ross, A.S.C. Coy., 15.1.40 to 14.3.40. Pte. G. R. Horridge, No. 1 Company, 23.1.40 to 5.7.40. The undermentioned leave is cancelled. Gnr. L. Landau, 1st Bty., 5.1.40 to 31.1.40.
2nd Battery Jan. 18, Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. (1) Right Section, No. 1 Gun. Gun and Battery drill. (2) A.A.I. M.G. Class—D.E.L. and Gun detachments details. Jan. 19, Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. Left Section, No. 2 Gun. Gun and Battery drill. D.R.F. Detachment each night as already detailed. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps for all parades.	STRENGTH-DECREASE Pte. A. S. Xavier, No. 6 Company, 21.5.39. Pte. S. M. Ko, No. 4 Company, 13.10.39. Pte. H. E. Osmund, No. 6 Company, 1.11.39. Pte. A. Loureiro, No. 6 Company, 10.11.39. Pte. H. Sando, Fd. Ambulance, 23.11.39. Gnr. T. K. Chung, 4th Battery, 15.12.39. Pte. Y. K. Ngan, No. 7 Company, 15.12.39. Pte. C. R. Lyen, 5th A.A. Battery, 22.12.39. Pte. C. F. Pereira, No. 6 Company, 8.1.40. Pte. M. C. Chan, Fd. Ambulance, 15.1.40. Pte. R. T. Wong, No. 4 Company, 12.1.40.
3rd Battery D.E.L.: Jan. 19, Wellington Barracks, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps.	STRENGTH-INCREASE Ptes. C. Jamieson, W. F. C. Jenner and C. J. Kingdon, Stanley Pl., 5.1.40. Pte. R. E. Jones, Stanley Pl., 11.1.40.
Corps Artillery 4th Battery Jan. 19, Queen's Pier, 5.30 p.m. (Returning 10 p.m.) All ranks. Haversack rations will be provided. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps, gun platform shoes, waterbottle filled.	PROMOTION EXAMINATION—RESULT The following members of the No. 3 Company passed a promotion examination for Corporal. A/Cpl. J. MacKay, A/Cpl. D. J. Willis.
5th Battery Jan. 18, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s only. Parade under R.S.M. Jan. 19, Queen's Pier, No. 2 Section. Dress—Overalls.	APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS A/Cpls. J. MacKay, D. J. Willis and W. T. Knox, No. 3 Coy. to be Cpl. 12.1.40. A/Cpls. N. Broadbridge and G. E. K. Roylance, No. 3 Coy. to be L/Cpl. 12.1.40. Cpl. E. A. E. Fowles, A.S.C. Coy., be Sgt., 12.1.40. Ptes. L. D. Purves and W. Hyde to be L/Cpl. 12.1.40. Pte. W. S. Hillier, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl. 12.1.40. Pte. C. Black, A.S.C. Coy. to be L/Cpl. 12.1.40. Pte. F. Cullen, A.S.C. Coy. to be L/Cpl. 12.1.40. B.S.M. J. M. Jack, Corps Art. H.Q. to be Corps Artillery, Sergeant Major, 12.1.40. E. N. THURSEY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.
Field Company Engineers Jan. 18, K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Technical training by sections.	NOTICE Corps Diary—Amendments The following amendments are made to Corps Diary, 1939-40. Delete S/Cutters, Jan. 21, No. 5 Coy. (M.G. Pt. II). S/Cutters, Jan. 28, Beach Light Coy. (Rifle). S/Cutters, Feb. 4, Corps Signals & Armcd. C. Pl. (Rifle). Kowloon City—Feb. 4, Nos. 1 & 2 Coys. (Rifle). Feb. 4, No. 5 Coy. (M.G. Pt. II). Feb. 18, No. 7 Coy. (Rifle & L.G.). Feb. 25, Corps Signals & Armcd. C. Pl. (Rifle). Mar. 10, No. 7 Coy. (Rifle & L.G.). Mar. 10, Nos. 1 & 2 Coys. (Rifle "A" & "B").
Corps Signals Jan. 19, All detachments. Signal training.	
Mobile Column Motor? Machine Gun Platoon: Jan. 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s parade.	
No. 1 Company Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons: Jan. 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. O.C. Company's parade. All ranks to attend. No. 4 (Troop) Platoon: Jan. 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Preparation for camp.	
No. 2 Company Jan. 18: (1) No. 6 Platoon, Kowloon Docks, 5.30 p.m. L.G. training. (2) No. 7 Platoon, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class, those detailed. Remainder, M.G. training.	
No. 3 Company Jan. 18, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company programme.	
No. 4 Company Jan. 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade issue of Rifles and Respirators for camp.	
No. 7 Company Jan. 18, H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L. G. training. 1A. first position. Jan. 22, Proceed to camp at Fanling.	
Army Service Corps Company Jan. 18, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Uniform parade—compulsory. Dress—S.D. caps, K.D. jacket, trousers, boots, belt, box respirator, greatcoat.	
Field Ambulance Jan. 18, St. Paul's College, 5.30 p.m. Lecture.	
Pay Section Jan. 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m.	
TRANSFERS L/Edr. E. L. Powell from 1st Bty. to Fd. Coy. Engrs. 29.12.39. C.Q.M.S. R. C. Butler from Armcd. C. Pl. to Mob. Col. H.Q. 12.1.40.	

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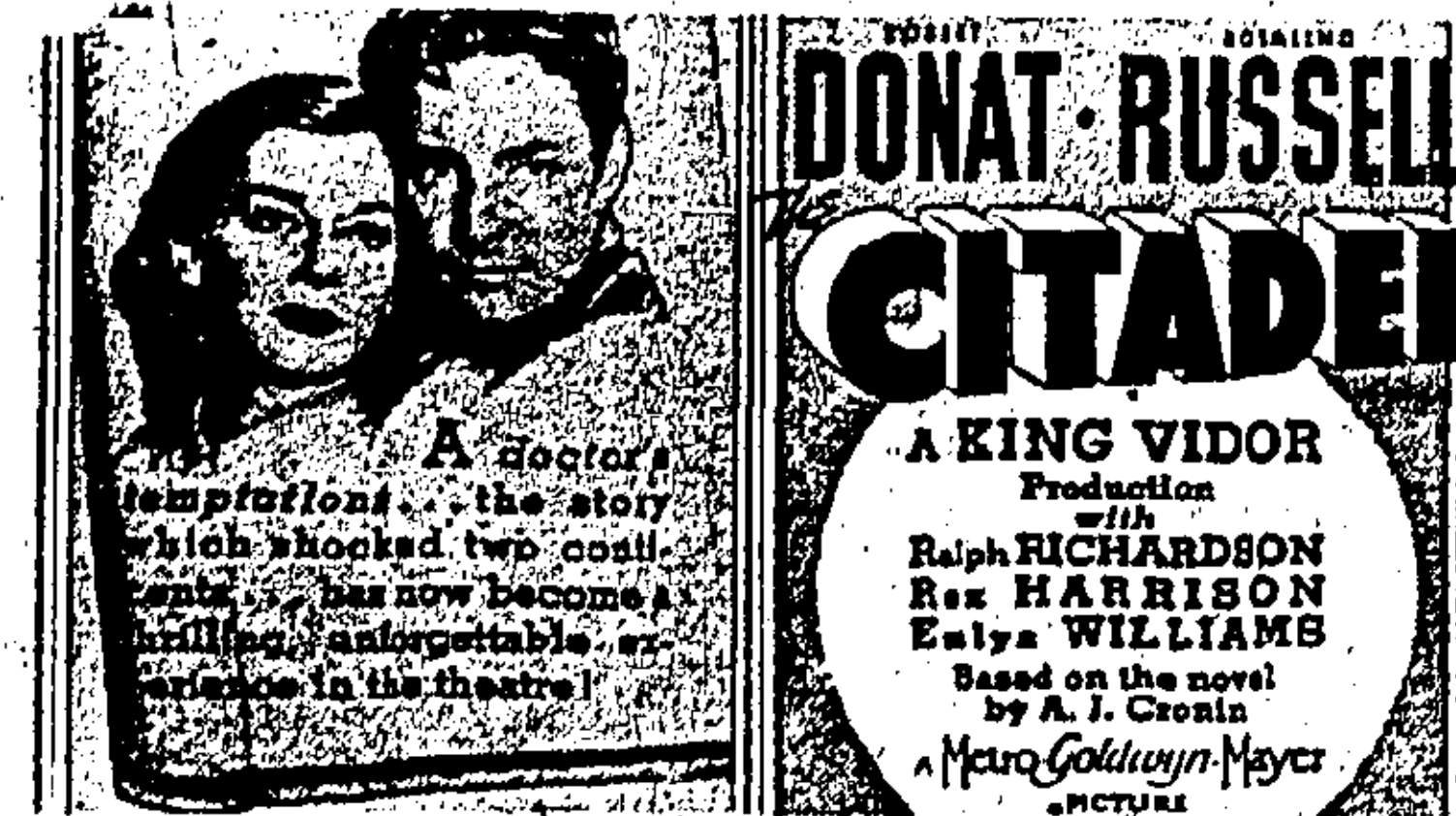
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## COMING EVENTS

JAN.

16—Tides: High 12 midnight and 2.11 p.m. Low 7.59 a.m. and 7.51 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club, Whist Drive (open to public).

Fanning Hunt and Race Club Annual Meeting, Jardine, Matheson and Co's Office, 9.30 p.m.

Urban Council Mtg., 4.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, Annual Mtg.

Army Teachers' Club, Annual Dinner, Cafe Wiseman, 8 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Bridge Class, 10 a.m.; Badminton, 8 p.m.

H.E. the Governor Visits Girls' and Boys' Club, 5.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. F. C. Clements

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Soldiers' Guild of St. George, Seaford Point Hall, 7 p.m.

Examination of Masters, Mates and Mariners for Certificate of Competency.

Christ Church Vicarage: Parochial Church Council, 6 p.m.

S. and S. Home: Prayer and Fellowship Mtg., 8.30 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

17—Tides: High 12.34 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Low 8 a.m. and 8.58 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 6 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Exhibition of Chinese Photographs, etc., by H.K. Promotion Committee of the C.I.C. at China Emporium.

Lawn Bowls: H.E.'s Team v. U.S. R.C., at U.S.R.C., 3.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton; Lecture by Prof. E. Reiffen on "The Science of Language and Politics," 9 p.m.

Cheero Club, Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild, 10 a.m.

Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

Garrison Sergis, Mess, Whist Drive, 9.15 p.m.

S. and S. Home, Methodist Ladies' Mahjongg Drive, 3 p.m.

18—Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.; Speaker: Mr. J. L. Hadaway "The Opportunity in Theosophy."

Y.M.C.A. Games Morning, 10 a.m.; St. John's First Aid Lecture, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive (open to the public) and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Cheero Club, Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.

Chess Championships commence, 8 p.m.

H.K. University Arts Assn. presents "The Professor from Peking" (School performance), in Great Hall, 7 p.m.

Criminal Sessions open, 10 a.m.

Entries close for Macao Races.

19—Central British Assn. Dance, Crown Land Sales, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

H.K. University Arts Association presents "The Professor from Peking" in the Great Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton.

S. and S. Home, Jumble Sale, 2.30 p.m.

Cheero Club, Darts, Ping-Pong and Billiards.

H.K. Ladies Hockey Club, Annual Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

20—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

R.E.O.C.A. Supper Dance.

C.B.A. and C.B.S. Reunion Cabaret Supper Dance, H.K. Hotel, 9 p.m.

21—Fanning Hunt and Race Club, Kwai-Ti Races.

First Round of H.K. Golf Club Junior Championship due for completion.

22—First H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanning.

St. Andrew's Club, Hotch-Potch Evening.

24—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

C.B.A. "Hot" Russian Dinner, 8.30 p.m.

Claims against H.K. Meat & Daily Produce Co. (In liquidation) due.

## Radio Programmes

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### CHAIKOWSKY SYMPHONY NO. 6 THE "PATHE" RECITAL

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Strauss.

A Night in Venice—Potpourri (arr. Weninger)—Mark Weber and His Orchestra—Dellrien—Waltz—Orchestra—Mascotte—Volcs of Spring—Waltz—Song—Maria Eggerth (Soprano) with Orch. Music of The Spheres—Waltz—Orchestra—Mascotte.

The Gypsy Baron—Selection—George Boulanger and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Frances Day (Soprano) and Victor Silvester's Orchestra.

Jolly Brothers (Vocalists): Baby's Sweetheart (Cort)—Victor Silvester's Orchestra—Midnight and Music (film "Who's your lady friend?").

Frances Day (Soprano) with Orch. Quickstep—We're Friends Again—Waltz—What a Night—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

Music Maestro, Please (from The Foolish Things): A-Tisket, A-Tasket (Fitzgerald-Feldman)—Frances Day (Soprano) with Orch. Quickstep—Kisses Are Dewdrops—Slow Fox-Trot—Why Stars At Night (film "Big Broadcast")—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

1.30 Hunter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Biscuit—Symphony No. 1 in C Major.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Wishing (film "Love Affair"); One Sunday Afternoon—Billy Taylor and His Music—Waltz—Paid for the Lie that I told You; Fox-Trot—Small Town—Gerald and His Orchestra—Tangos—Jalousie—Xavier Cugat and His Orchestra; Tu Sais—Henry King and His Hotel Pierre Orch.

Fox-Trots—I'm Gonna Play You in Your Face; Get No Time (from "The Cotton Club Parade")—"Fats" Waller and His Rhythm.

Quickstep—Where Is Our Blue Bird of Melody Lane; Waltz—Sweethearts (from the film)—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

Where Is Alexander? Frankie and Johnnie—The Six Swingers—Tangos—Cleros Amore; Despreco—Orchestra—Tipica—Francisco—Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Romany; Lonely—Gerald and His Orchestra—Waltz—Never Break A Promise—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Fox-Trots—Cuckoo in the Clock; Shut-Eye—Kay Kyser & His Orchestra.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Grade Fields, Arthur Askey and Mantovani and His Orchestra.

Vocal—London Is Saying Goodnight (Nicholls and Others)—Grade Fields with Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Moon-spun Dreams; Love's Serenade—Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra.

Vocal—All To Speculation (Wheeler-Rutherford); The Cuckoo (Sonlin)—Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

Tango Medley—Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra.

Vocal—Look Up and Laugh—Medley; Film Waltz Songs—Medley—Grade Fields with Organ accomp.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two-Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernard Ruff (from The Gloucester Hotel).

8.20 Selections from Kalman's "Countess Maritza."

Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

8.31 B.B.C. Recording—"Poor Polly."

A Sketch.

8.47 Barnabas Von Gecy and His Orchestra.

Hindu Song ("Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov); Valse Triste (Sibelius).

8.53 Studio—Chinese Paintings in Hongkong.

A talk by Elsie Chalmers, Secretary to the Hongkong Committee of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Chalkovsky—Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathe" Recital).

Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.

10.30 A Concert by Simon Barer (Piano) and Natan Milstein (Violin).

Sonata No. 104 Del Petrara (No. 5 of Deuzieme Annee—L.Talle—Lizst)—Simon Barer (Piano).

Consolation (No. 3) (Lizst)—Natan Milstein (Violin) with Leopold Mitshmann at the Piano.

Rude in F Minor (Lizst); Waltz in A Flat Major, Op. 42 (Chopin)—Simon Barer (Piano).

Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin); La Campanella (from "Concerto No. 2 in B Minor—Paganini, Op. 7)—Natan Milstein (Violin) with Leopold Mitshmann at the Piano.

11.00 London Relay—"In England Now."

11.15 Close down.

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## SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

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## SHANGHAI CHINESE MOVIE STARS IN HONGKONG

### MISS YUAN AND MISS LU FOR LOCAL FILMS

A gathering of more than 100 leading members of Hongkong's motion picture industry assembled at the Kowloon Wharf on Sunday to greet the arrival of two of the leading box office attractions of Shanghai moviedom, Misses Yuan Mei-yun and Lu Ming, by a J.C.J.L. liner.

Accompanying the two Shanghai stars were Mr. Chang Shan-kun, motion picture producer and director of a chain of three factories in Shanghai, Mr. Chen Kun-jan, noted director of pictures, Miss Hsu Ching-jan, Mr. Chen's wife and also a movie star, Mr. Li Ta-shun, business manager of the China United Motion Pictures Co., and Mr. Yen Slang-chin, supervisor of the Yi Hui Motion Picture Co.

### SECOND VISIT

Miss Yuan, who is visiting Hongkong for the second time, having made a picture in the Colony two years ago, is on a pleasure trip.

Her husband, Mr. Wang Yin, is one of the Shanghai's leading male stars and is now making a picture opposite Miss Butterfly Wu, the movie queen, in Hongkong for the South China Motion Picture Company.

Miss Yuan during her stay here may also work for the South China

## NO MEDIATION BY NAZI

BERN, Jan. 15 (Hayas)—The Basler Nachrichten's Berlin correspondent declares that authorized German circles categorically deny the rumours that Germany has proposed mediation in the Finno-Russian conflict.

Company in one of its classic pictures as the leading female star.

### TWO PICTURES

Miss Lu will also work for the South China Company. She will be starred in two pictures, the first one a famous Chinese folklore to be directed by Mr. Chen Kun-jan. In the second picture she will take the role of Hung Nian, the vivacious maid in the "Western Chamber" popularised for foreigners by S. I. Hsiung's well-known English translation.

Mr. Chang Shan-kun, being one of the directors of the South China Company, will discuss important development scheme with the executives of the company here. Mr. Li Ta-shen will study the overseas market of the pictures made in Hongkong.

### H.K. STAR

It is reported that Mr. Yen Slang-chin came here to sign a contract with Miss Lee Yih-nien, well-known Hongkong star, for one of the Yi Hui Company's pictures. Miss Lee will probably leave for Shanghai with Mr. Yen very soon to start her work there.

## UNCENSORED VERSION

### "ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT" AT KING'S TODAY

"All Quiet On The Western Front" Universal's truthful and graphic screen presentation of Erich Maria Remarque's famous war novel, which comes to the King's Theatre today in its new uncensored version is a drama of deep human emotions and a timely indictment of modern war.

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Low Ayres gives a performance that has seldom been surpassed in the role of the youth transformed from a schoolboy in a German village to a soldier boy in the trenches.

Stim Summerville, the late Louis Wolheim and many other players give unforgettable portrayals in the film which is truly one of the greatest ever made.

## FIRING PRACTICE

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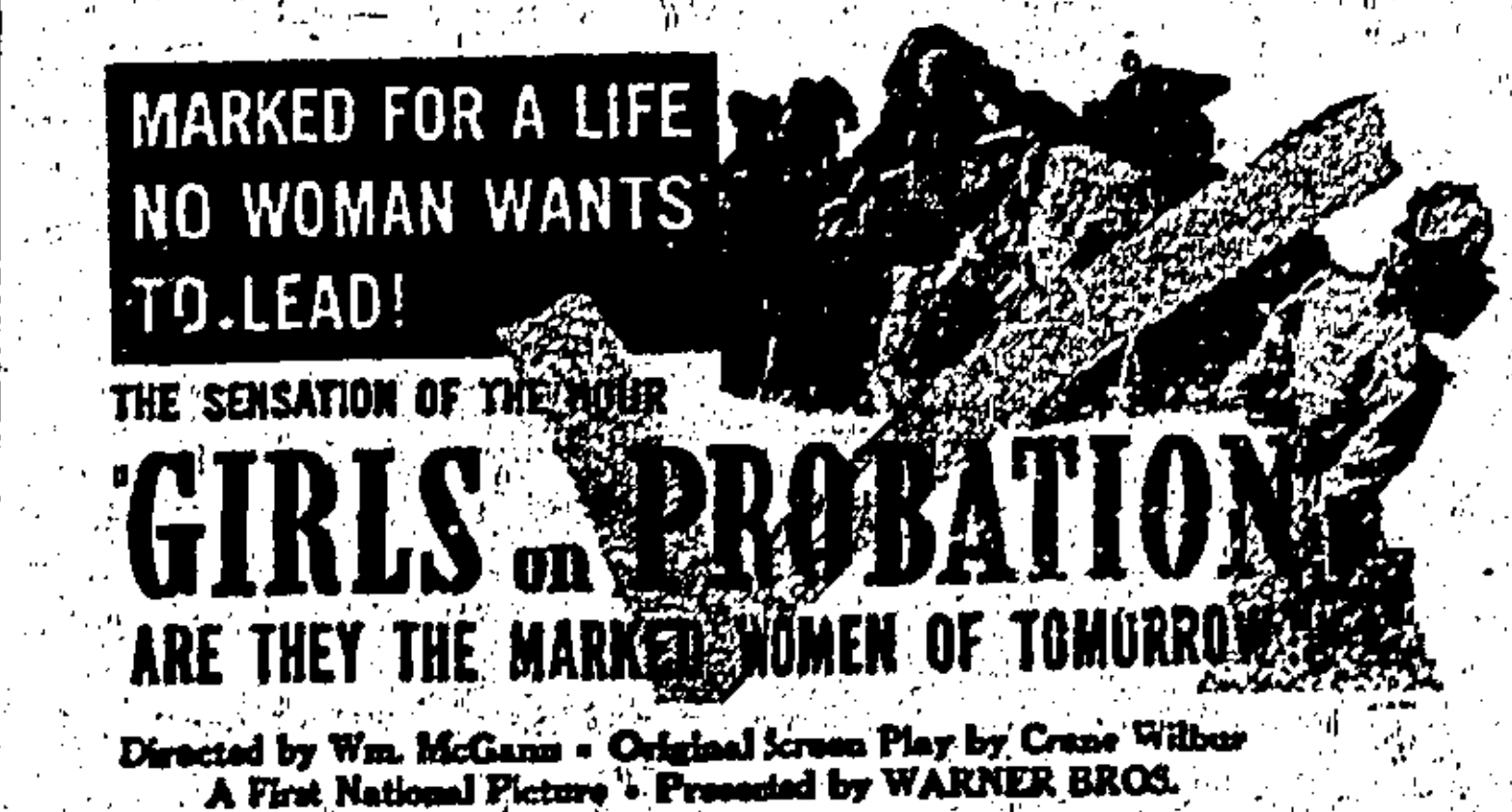
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# Vicious Spiral Of Rising Prices In Britain: Press Comment On War Means & Methods

## Protest Against Any Undue Demands On Resources

LONDON, JAN. 15 (REUTERS).—THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED A PLATFORM CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL ENABLE THE MINISTERS TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC AND TO SPEAK TO THEM ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WAR.

The Prime Minister started the ball rolling with his speech on Tuesday at Mansion House and this was continued in Glasgow on Saturday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Both spoke more on the means and methods of the war, rather than on the war itself and this was taken up by yesterday's British press.

The Sunday Times, for instance, says that the people of Britain, on the whole, know why they are fighting. They want to be told, not that sacrifices are necessary, but what sacrifices and why.

**MAIN QUESTION**  
The main question, continues the paper, is: "Are we all doing everything in our power to restrict consumption and to keep down prices and from making undue demands on shipping and purchasing resources?"

"As we," asks the paper, "doing anything to prevent prices and wages from moving upward in a vicious spiral which benefits no one in the long run and endangers all? So far this problem has been met by taxation, promotion of savings and rationing."

**TAXATION & CONSUMPTION**  
"Taxation," says the Sunday Times, "is mainly directed at the better-to-do classes and at the very top 'income tax and surtax' amounts to seventeen shillings in the pound. But two-thirds of the consumption in Britain is by those earning less than £5 a week."

"Here, there, was the necessity of thorough co-operation from workers and so savings came into being."

### WORST U.S. MINE DISASTER

BARTLEY (WEST VIRGINIA), Jan. 15 (Reuters).—Seventy-six bodies of the 92 miners killed in the coal mine explosion here, have now been recovered. The rescuers reached the centre of the explosion, which is the nation's worst mine disaster in this decade.

"Rationing also restricts consumption and prices, although that is not its primary aim. Despite this the vicious spiral of rising prices has become evident by the rise in the cost of living and according to the increase in the wages of several of the larger groups of workers."

**GOVERNMENT ACTION**  
"As a general movement upward is imminent," says the Sunday Times, the Government must take a more definite attitude about it."

On the other hand, Reynolds declares that Mr. Chamberlain's plan to prevent wages and prices going up would be more burdensome on the housewife than on big business and attacks any idea of keeping wages at a forced low level.

### SWEDISH TERRITORY VIOLATED

#### BOMBS DROPPED BY UNIDENTIFIED PLANES

STOCKHOLM, JAN. 15 (REUTERS).—THE FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT UNKNOWN AEROPLANES YES-TERDAY MORNING FLEW OVER SWEDISH TERRITORY, INCLUDING THE ARCHIPELAGO BETWEEN HAPARANDA AND LULEA. A heavy snowfall prevented identification.

Several bombs were dropped on Kallaz, six miles south-west of Lulea, and exploded upon the ice and investigations are proceeding to establish the origin of the bombs.

#### NINE BOMBS DROPPED

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—Details from Lulea show that at least nine bombs were dropped, but no damage was caused. Eight foreign planes were reported over Alhamn, flying northwards at a great height.

A later message stated that Haparanda had its first air raid warning on Sunday owing to a raid on the Finnish town of Tornio in the vicinity.

In the recent Honours for the Navy list, which appeared in The Times of Jan. 1, 1940, Lieut.-Commander J.M.C. Cox, R.N., of H.M.S. Scorpion, and Surgeon-Lieut. V. J. R. Sheridan, of H.M.S. Mantis, both of the Yangtze flotilla, received the Distinguished Service Cross.

### Australian Airmen In England

#### "WE ARE GOING TO CO-OPERATE AND SEE THIS THROUGH"

LONDON, Jan. 15 (BWS).—Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner of Australia and Mr. Anthony Eden, British Dominions Secretary, yesterday inspected the R.A.F. Coastal Command Headquarters.

In the personnel of the station is the unit of the Royal Australian Air Force, the first complete Dominion air unit on service overseas.

After warmly welcoming the Australian airmen, in a brief speech Mr. Eden said: "There is no doubt of the task that lies before us and no doubt of the nature of the struggle in which we are engaged."

#### NAZI DREAMS

"The present leaders of Germany want world dominion. To be fair to them, they have been quite frank about it, and they have told us that Herr Hitler calls it 'Peace under the protection of the German Power.'"

"There are several small nations who have already learned what the protection of that power means. It is peace for them to death."

"Curiously, these people are quite sincere when they say to us they want to give us the protection of the German power and they cannot quite understand why we do not want it; but we don't."

"We have our own view, which is just the opposite: that peoples, great and small, should be allowed to live their own lives in freedom as they would. It is, therefore, a struggle for world civilization."

#### THE STRUGGLE

"Its outer defences, some of the small nations, have already been overrun and its great bulwarks are now being attacked. If they were to fall, there would be no lasting peace for freedom loving nations anywhere."

"The struggle in which we are engaged is one not only for ourselves, but for our children and children's children."

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### TERRIBLE QUAKE TOLL IN TURKEY

#### DEAD & INJURED OVER 59,000

ANKARA, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—Over 30,000, it is feared, died as a result of the earthquake on Dec. 27, 20,000 were injured and nearly 50,000 homes and buildings totally destroyed or rendered uninhabitable.

**2,000,000 CATTLE**  
In Tokat District alone, 2,000,000 cattle perished and at least as many were lost in the other districts.

Improvement in the weather enabled the roads to be cleared sufficiently to allow access to the villages which were marooned since the earthquake.

#### AUSTRALIAN PRESTIGE

Mr. Bruce, addressing the Australian airmen in particular, said: "We are all in this war. We are going to co-operate and see it through and we are going to win. The honour and prestige and the good name of Australia reside in your hands. We are looking to you with confidence to uphold it as the men of the A.E.F. did in the last war."

#### FLYING-BOAT SQUADRON

The Australian Squadron is operating flying-boats which, it will be recalled, were ordered for the Royal Australian Air Force early last year and which, with the consent of the Australian Government, remained for duty with the R.A.F. together with its personnel.

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## Over 62,000 Aliens Now In Britain

### 436 GERMANS AND 50 AUSTRIANS INTERNEED

LONDON, Jan. 15 (BWS).—Alien tribunals, which have been engaged on considering cases of enemy aliens in Britain since October, have now, with a few exceptions, completed their tasks.

As a result, 436 Germans and 50 Austrians have been interned. These 486 people were placed by tribunals in the category "A," which meant an internment camp.

In addition, 1,199 Germans and 822 Austrians were placed in category "B," which exempt them from internment, but not from special restrictions.

These impose limitations on the freedom of enemy alien to a change of his residence without receiving the approval of the police in advance and prevent him from travelling without permit more than five miles from his registered address.

**FULL EXEMPTION**  
In category "C," which exempts both from internment and special restrictions, were placed 47,285 Germans and 6,597 Austrians.

The numbers interned are remarkably small, compared with the last war, at the end of which nearly 30,000 enemy aliens were in internment camps.

Where a tribunal was satisfied that the alien was a genuine refugee, it added to the certificate the words, "Refugee from Nazi oppression."

Special consideration was given to cases of British-born women, who, by marriage to Germans or Austrians, had acquired their husband's nationality.

### 18 MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN FRONT ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—Eighteen members of an organization called the "Christian Front" were arrested by U.S. Federal Bureau agents on charges of conspiracy to create a revolution in the United States to overthrow the Government and to establish a dictatorship, announced Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief of America's G-Men.

A small arsenal was unearthed in New York City, which, it is alleged, the Christian Front intended for a revolutionary purpose.

#### ERADICATION OF JEWS

The arrested persons are said to have functioned as a sports club and to have planned a reign of terror to begin on Jan. 20, for bringing about the eradication of all Jews and the seizure of public utilities, while the conspiracy called for the bombing of offices of the Jewish daily newspaper "Forward," the seizure of the customs in New York City, the Federal Reserve banks throughout America and the National Guard.

#### PRINCIPAL LEADER

Mr. Hoover declared that the principal leader among those arrested is John F. Cassidy, leader of the Christian Front, who was addressed by his followers as the "Fuehrer."

### BOMBS AND RIFLES DISCOVERED

The Federal Agents in several raids confiscated bombs, a number of rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition and it is alleged that the conspiracy was at least seven months old. Investigation is continuing for arms for the Christian Front armies elsewhere.

Mr. Hoover said that he had announced the plot at the request of

## SEVERE AIR RAIDS OVER FINLAND

### POPULATION HIDE IN TRENCHES

HELSINKI, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—It is officially stated that there were heavy bombings all over the country yesterday, especially in Hango and Tammsaari, which were later raided five times. All communications with Hango have been severed and it is reported that all the population of Tammsaari were in trenches; hence there were no casualties, though the Russians tried to machine-gun them.

Forty bombs were dropped at Espoo, 300 at Raasimaki, where there was slight damage and six bombs fell in Helsinki.

The retiring Attorney-General, Mr. Frank Murphy.

The conspirators met in the homes of the various members, at least one of whom was a member of the German-American Bund, while many members were connected with the United States Reserve Forces.

#### THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS

Mr. Hoover added that the Christian Front had thousands of members but refused to estimate the exact number until the completion of his nationwide investigation.

He also declined to comment on the possibility of conspiracies in other cities, but indicated that sweeping investigations were already under way.

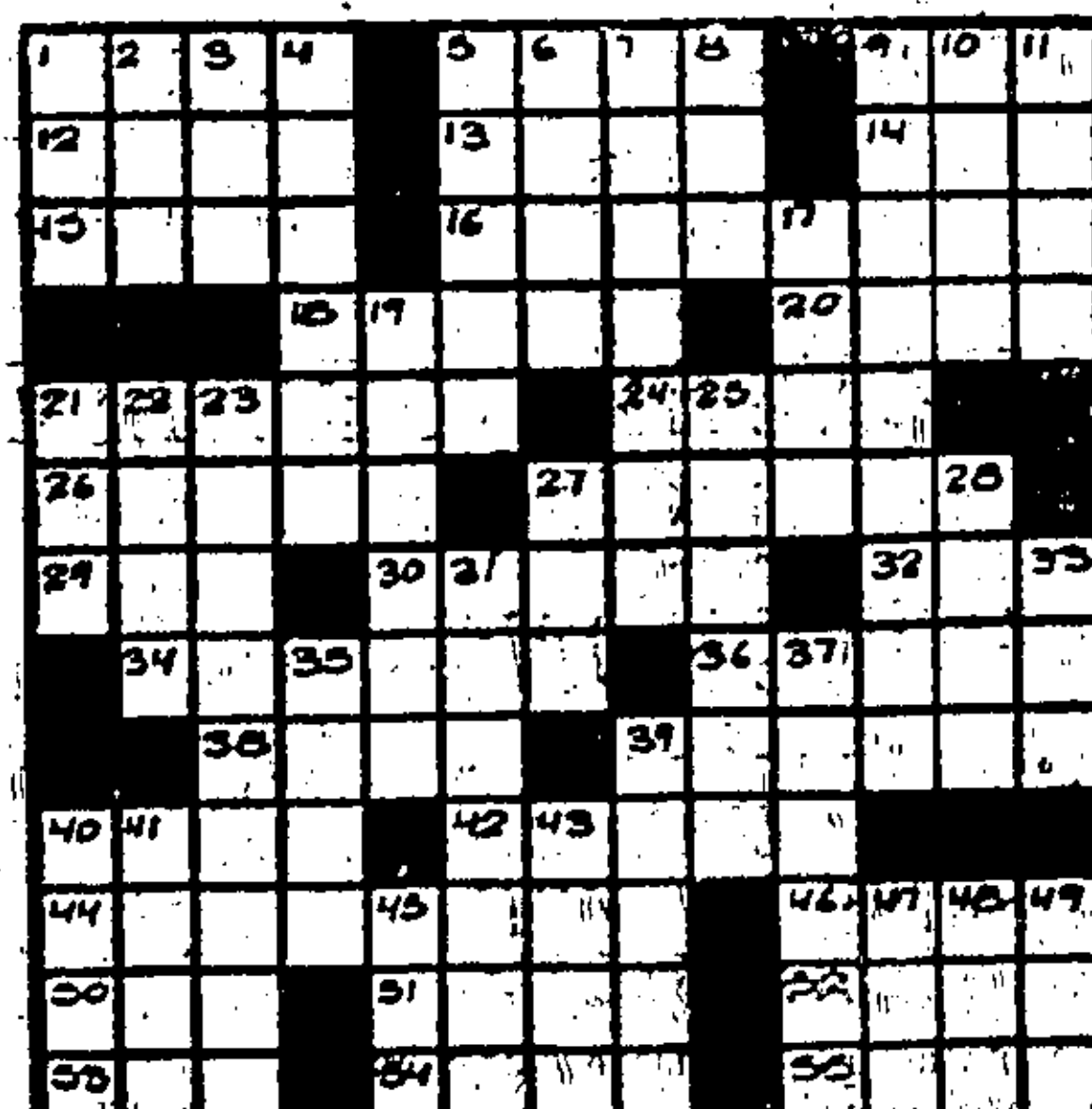
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## CROSSWORD NO. 510

#### ACROSS

- 1 Organ of flight
- 5 To pale
- 9 Tattered garment
- 12 Australian bird
- 13 Fish sauce
- 14 Make a mistake
- 15 Sword
- 16 Poetic name for America
- 18 Driving icy particles
- 20 Slippery
- 21 Verse of seven lines
- 24 Egg-shaped
- 26 Force into service
- 27 Inlay
- 28 Melody
- 30 Sources of being
- 32 Anger
- 34 Ordinal number
- 35 Loose garment
- 36 Not any
- 39 Central part
- 40 Obedient
- 42 Brave
- 44 Belonging to the earliest period
- 49 English playwright
- 50 Who was the third king of Judah?
- 51 Network
- 52 Conservative
- 53 Split pulse
- 54 Egyptian goddess
- 55 What German rear-admiral was defeated and sunk with his squadron by the British off the Falkland



#### DOWN

- 1 Small
- 2 Mischievous sprite
- 3 Born
- 4 Visitors
- 5 Surface of a cut gem
- 6 Fragrant resin
- 7 Triangular
- 8 French coin
- 9 Insurrection
- 10 Exterior seed covering
- 11 Who said "The paths of glory lead but to the grave?"
- 17 Repeat
- 19 Severe lecture
- 21 Mineral spring
- 22 Who was the Greek goddess of discord?
- 23 Continued
- 25 Ship
- 27 Masculine
- 28 nickname
- 29 Bearing round the shield
- 31 Opponents
- 35 Elongated fish
- 36 Gear-wheel
- 37 Secret meetings
- 39 Joints
- 40 French aeroplane
- 41 What is the most conspicuous of the northern constellations—Major?
- 43 One opposed to a cause
- 45 Prefix three
- 47 Jump on one foot
- 48 Metric measure of area
- 49 On the banks of what river are the ruins of Tintern Abbey?

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## PECULIAR CASE: WIDOW HIDES EARRINGS: FALSE ACCUSATION OF THEFT

What was described by the police as a peculiar case, and one which could have led to unpleasant results, came before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday.

The defendant was a 46-year-old widow, Ho Tai. Some time ago she loaned \$18.50 to a man, named Li Wing, and had been unable to make any repayment.

On Sunday she met Li in Fleming Street, Wanchai, and again pressed for settlement of the loan. Failing to get any satisfaction, she blew the police whistle and when police arrived, she accused Li of having snatched her earrings. The parties were taken to police station.

Inquiries were made and as the detective failed to find any proof of the allegation, the defendant was searched. During the investigation, however, the defendant was stated to have hidden the pair of earrings in her hair.

As a result, she was charged with giving false information to the police.

### SERIOUS CASE

Inspector A. V. Baker, who prosecuted, stressed the serious nature of the case and remarked that through her lies, she might have caused an honest man to get into trouble.

"This is the third case this year, and we have plenty to do without that," added the police officer.

A remand of 48 hours was granted.

### INTERNEES CHARGED

Thirty-seven internees, taken into custody following the riot in the Argyle Street Camp appeared before Mr. E. H. Himsforth at Kowloon Court yesterday when they were charged with behaving in a riotous manner. They were remanded for 48 hours at the request of Inspector H. E. Rogers.

### 40 INJURED

About 40 internees who have sustained injuries of various nature as a result of Saturday clash between the police, are at present receiving treatment in the hospitals.

According to an official police report, 15 are now in the Kowloon Hospital and 25 in the Camp hospital. Thirty-seven are in police custody.

Lance-Sergeant Boers and an Indian constable are also receiving treatment in the Kowloon Hospital.

## FATAL FALL FROM FIFTH FLOOR

### INQUEST HELD ON HOSPITAL PATIENT

The death of a patient, Mei Ping-kai, 20, who died as a result of a fall from the fifth floor of the Queen Mary Hospital on Nov. 23, formed the subject of an inquest held at the Central Court yesterday.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. A. W. Holland (foreman), Kwok Yuen-sang and R. E. M. Devaux.

### HIGH FEVER

Mei was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital on Nov. 23. Dr. T. K. Ling testified that Mei was suffering from high fever and he detected that he was suffering from pneumonia and had him transferred to a ward on fifth floor. Later, on the same morning, he was informed that the patient had jumped out of the window and was removed to the observation ward where he died on the following day.

Dr. Ling told the Court that pneumonia and high fever often resulted in mental changes.

The deceased died of fractures of the skull, spine and pelvis and rupture of the spleen.

A verdict of suicide while deceased's state of mind was disturbed was recorded.

### SNATCHED MONEY

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed on Lo Kau, 28, unemployed, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday to larceny of \$96 from Li Tin-yuk in Bonnan Strand East on Saturday. The money was recovered.

## PRETTY JANUARY BRIDE AT THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

### Mr. Esrael F. Frey Married To Miss T. Banaschek

A PRETTY JANUARY BRIDE WAS MISS TRUDE BANASCHKE, WHO WAS MARRIED YESTERDAY TO MR. ESRAEL FRITZ FREY.

The civil ceremony took place in the morning at the Registry, Supreme Court, and a religious ceremony was performed in the afternoon at the Jewish Synagogue, followed by a reception, attended by a large gathering, at the adjoining Jewish Recreation Club.

The bride, who is the eldest daughter of Mr. Karl Banaschek, of Vienna, is a recent arrival to the Colony and is on the staff of Ruelle's, couturier. The bridegroom is on the staff of Rojny's.

Charmingly attired in a navy blue jacket, set off with white fur and accessories to match, the bride was given away by Mr. Charles Elkan, while Mrs. Buckenrough acted as matron of honour.

The toast to the happy couple was proposed by Mr. L. A. Tobias. Amongst those who were present at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. E. Joseph, Mrs. R. Weil, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. A. Raymond, Mrs. Tobias and Mr. A. S. Gubbay.

### NAVAL WEDDING

At the Union Church yesterday afternoon, Miss Joan Langley, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Langley, was married to Lieut. John Gordon, of H. M. S. Pandora.

The ceremony was a quiet one, and the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow officiated. Mr. Alfred Morris gave the bride away, while the duties of best man were discharged by Lieut. C. R. Rely.

A reception was later held at the Hongkong Club. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

### OTHER WEDDINGS

Also married yesterday at the Registry were Mr. Wu Chang-j, Customs officer, of No. 31 Fuk Lo Tsuen Road, and Miss Chow Tsen-hua, and Mr. Tang Wai-tack, of No. 20 Ching Fung Street, and Miss Ng Kong-chu, of No. 19 Hing Han Road.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Felix Frederick Arthur Dunnett, clerk, War Department, residing at No. 3 Minden Avenue, and Miss Jennie Paula White, of No. 27 Cameron Road;

Mr. Edgar William Whish, navigating officer, care of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Miss Sabina Starozynska of No. 2 Carnarvon Road;

Mr. Cecil William Haynes, office assistant, of No. 24 Carnarvon Road, and Miss Dorothy Lillian Harris, of No. 151 Tam Kung Road, first floor;

Mr. Leonardo Victor da Rosa, of No. 10 Shing Wong Street, first floor, and Miss Amelia Crisalida Ausejo, of No. 22 Portland Street, first floor;

Mr. Frederico Desiderio Franco, clerk of No. 21 Kwong Ming Street, second floor, and Miss Helen Wong, of No. 141 Wongsheikong Road;

Mr. Hanson Wong, accountant of the Sincere Perfumery Manufacturing Ltd., and Miss Annie Chan, of 176 Queen's Road East ground floor;

Mr. Kian Chee-wan, student, of No. 43 Wongsheikong Road, and Miss Yeung Chiu-kuen, student of No. 32 Lighton Hill Road, ground floor;

Mr. Yeung Sai-kit, of the Kowloon Confectionery, residing at No. 15 Lyndhurst Terrace, first floor, and Miss Maria Portata, telephone operator, of the same address.

### JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT

In the absence of the plaintiffs, the Hip Lee contractors, of Saigon Street, judgment was given in the Summary Court yesterday by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell for the defendant, Li Yuk-sing, trading as Li Sang Hop, in the action in which the former claimed the sum of \$388.23 for balance due on excavating work done in Tsun Wan in September last year. Mr. W. M. Brown was for the defendant.

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## 19 Cases For Trial

### FIRST CRIMINAL SESSIONS IN NEW YEAR

TWO MURDER CASES are amongst the 19 cases to be tried at the Criminal Sessions, which will commence at the Supreme Court on Thursday at 10 a.m.

The persons facing trial and the offences for which they have been indicted are:—

WONG NGAI, possession of dangerous drugs;

CHAN TUNG and five others, robbery and accessory before the fact of robbery;

HUI FUK-SING, murder;

PANG TAK, breach of deportation order;

YIP KAU and another, robbery by two or more;

HO KIU, alias Ho Kau, armed robbery;

CHU KWAI, breach of deportation order;

MAN PONG, alias Man Kwong, robbery with violence;

WONG KAN, breach of deportation order;

LI SANG, WU WING, HO ON, FUN FAT, WONG LEE, CHAN TAI AND WONG WAH, conspiracy, forgery of documents, possession of forged dies and forged documents, uttering forged documents, demanding money on forged documents and embezzlement;

TUNG YING, robbery with violence;

CHAN SANG, breach of deportation order;

WONG SANG AND LI KAM-LAM, demanding money on forged documents and conspiracy to defraud;

LI KING-PAI, larceny of postal letters;

CHEUNG CHOI AND LAM HING, robbery by two or more;

MAN CHAU, armed robbery;

CHEUNG YAU AND KUN TSE, robbery;

CHAN HING, CHAN SUNG AND CHEUNG TAI-KWAI, attempted robbery by two or more, conspiracy to rob and dissuading from giving evidence;

LAU TIN-YUNG AND LAU TAU, murder.

### COLONY HEALTH: SIX CASES OF SMALL-POX

Six cases of smallpox, all from Kowloon, were notified to the Health Department on Jan. 13 and 14.

On Jan. 13, there were, in addition, twelve cases of tuberculosis, two cases of dysentery and one case each of scarlet fever and measles.

On Jan. 14, twelve cases of tuberculosis, three cases of chicken-pox and one case of diphtheria and dysentery were also notified.

### TOOK LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS

#### Tricycle Tyres Slashed

Hong Yeung is an unlicensed hawker and on Sunday he laid out his bed sheet on a vacant piece of ground to air. A stall foki, who was emptying a bucket, accidentally splashed some dirty water onto the sheet.

Without a word, Hong picked up his sheet and walked away. Later in the afternoon he returned with a knife and it was alleged, slashed the tyres of a tricycle which belonged to the stall, causing damage to the extent of \$10.

Hong Yeung was arrested and charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday, with causing malicious damage. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for 48 hours to find a guarantor to sign bond for his future good behaviour.

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## Alleged Armed Robbery In Wellington Street: Money & Jewellery Involved

### 2 MILLION KILOS OF CARGO ABOARD SOVIET STEAMER

The Soviet steamer Selenga, which was brought into port on Saturday by the Royal Navy to undergo search by the Contraband Control, carried a cargo of about two million kilos of wolfram, coffee and antimony. It was learned yesterday.

The ship was stopped off Formosa on suspicion that the cargo of wolfram, valued at £250,000, was destined for Germany via the Trans-Siberian Railway. The wolfram was loaded in Manila.

The Selenga endeavoured to get into Formosan Territorial waters when she saw the British warship coming up, but could not raise speed much above eight knots and responded promptly on reading the signal "Heave To."

The master of the vessel, Captain Yaskovich, has cabled a protest to Moscow and another to the Soviet Ambassador in London against the detention of the vessel in Hongkong.

### LOCAL ESTATES

Local estate valued at \$67,400 was left by the late Mr. Fung King-soum (or Sam), alias Fung Wing-chau, merchant, who died on January 18 last. Probate has been granted to the widow, Fung Leung-shi and Ho Tak-fue, merchant.

Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. D. H. Blake, solicitor, in respect of the estate in Hongkong of \$15,700 of the late Mr. Chu Tong, alias Jiu Shi-long, alias Chiu Sze-chung, alias Chew See-cheong, alias Jui Tong, formerly of Lake Cormorant, De Soto County, Mississippi, who died at the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 7, 1938.

Mr. Chen Li-fu, Chinese Minister of Education, left Kwelyang for Pingyueh on Sunday to continue his inspection tour.

### FIVE MEN & AGED WOMAN CHARGED

Five men and an aged woman were charged before Mr. T. J. Houston, at the Central Court yesterday, in connection with an armed robbery which took place at No. 172, Wellington Street, in Dec. last.

The men were Wong Wai, Yiu Lam, Cheng Tsai, Cheung Wut and Kwong Chek, who were charged with robbery, while the woman, Ngai Sheung, was charged with receiving. She was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

### COMPLAINANT'S STORY

Kong Chun-wah, 30, manager of the Nam Sang cattle dealing firm, at No. 56 D. Belcher Street, the principal complainant in the case, told the Court that about 7.15 a.m. on Dec. 30, he was awakened from his sleep by a tap on his shoulder. He saw two men, one of them armed with a revolver. The intruders threatened him and searched and found a bunch of keys. He was then bound and blind-folded.

Later in the morning, when he was released by a member of the house, he discovered that his safe had been opened and a sum of H.K. \$3,200 and \$1,500 in Chinese currency, and jewellery including gold bangles and finger rings, were missing. He then made a report of the incident to the police.

### JEWELLERY RECOGNIZED

A few days later he went to Yau-mat Police station and there he recognized some of the articles which had been lost during the hold up.

It was stated that following the report, the police made inquiries and the defendants were taken into custody. Some money and a gold wrist watch were found in Ngai Sheung's house.

Following further evidence, the hearing was adjourned.

## AERIAL THEFTS IN WANCHAI DISTRICT

### Charge Against Unemployed

Inquiries by the police led to the arrest of an 18-year-old unemployed, Wong Hok-man, who was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday with theft of aerials.

A detective stopped Wong in a Wanchai street and questioned him regarding aerials which he had in his possession and he admitted that he had stolen them from houses in Wanchai district.

"This has become quite a common larceny in the Wanchai district during the last two months. There have been many complaints made to the police concerning the disappearance of aerials," said Inspector A. V. Baker, who prosecuted.

Wong was remanded for 48 hours to find guarantor to sign a personal bond.

### WARRANT ISSUED FOR EUROPEAN

Paul Hannay Symons, 30, Assistant Government Analyst, residing at No. 54 The Peak, failed to appear before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday to answer a charge of behaving in a drunk and disorderly conduct while at the Gough Hill Police Station on Sunday. His bail of \$25 was estreated and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Stewart Charles Coulter, of the s.s. Fau Sang, also failed to appear in answer to a similar charge and his bail of \$25 was estreated.

The war of attrition in Kwangsi has resulted in over 10,000 Japanese casualties, although the enemy has strengthened the defence of Nanning against Chinese counter-attacks. About twenty-five transports were sighted off Yanchow yesterday morning, indicating that more reinforcements and provisions are on their way to Nanning. (International)

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NOTICE is hereby given that ANATOLE NICHOLAS ZAVADSKY, commonly known as ANATOLE NICHOLAS TONOFF, of No. 1, Middle Road, Ground Floor, Kowloon, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send in a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary.

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## DEATHS

**BOTELHO.**—On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1940, at the Shanghai General Hospital, Maria Theresa Botelho, in her 55th year, the beloved wife of Julio Victor Botelho and mother of Horacio, Guido, Dolores and Alicia Botelho.

**POGORZELSKA.**—On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1940, at her residence, 99C Route Vallon, Zofia Pogorzelska, aged 77 years, the dearly-beloved mother of Mrs. H. K. Draxill.

**MOTU.**—On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1940, at her residence, 29 Tunsin Road, Shanghai, Margaretha Motu, aged 61 years, widow of the late Mr. A. L. Motu and mother of Mrs. C. R. Getz, Camille, Iris and Louis Motu.

## DAUGHTER DECIDES TO WALK HOME

## KILLED BY HER FATHER'S CAR

When Mr. and Mrs. John Townsley, of Coldstream, Berwickshire, and their only daughter, Helen, aged 20 set out for a local dance, full of good spirits, they little thought that they would be involved in a tragedy only a few hours later.

Mr. Townsley was one of the dance organisers. He took his little family in the car.

Afterwards Helen decided she was going to walk home with a cousin and set off for home ahead of her parents.

She had been walking some time when the accident occurred. A car loomed up, and Helen was run down and killed instantly. Her cousin was unhurt.

The driver got out. It was Mr. Townsley.

The grief-stricken parent helped carry the body of his daughter home.—Thompson's. (Dec. 30).

## 60,000 CASES DEALT WITH

## Work Of Aliens Tribunals

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The work of the Aliens Tribunals, which were set up at the beginning of the war, has now been practically completed, having dealt with over 60,000 cases of which 436 were Germans and 50 Austrians.

One hundred and twenty refugees and 386 non-refugees were interned, and many others subjected to special restrictions applicable to enemy aliens.

**ROYAL PREROGATIVE.** In addition, 300 German-Austrians were interned in the early days of the war under Royal prerogative.

As a result of the Tribunals' investigations the police are now in possession of complete dossiers on all enemy aliens, a position far different from that in 1914.

Czechs, numbering about 10,000, in Britain, are exempted from registering as enemy aliens, a separate Tribunal being set up to review their position.

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## "CHRISTIAN FRONT"

THE ARRESTS of conspirators against the Federal Government announced from Washington yesterday bring into vivid relief the extent to which the pernicious example of Fascist private armies has found followers in countries still under the parliamentary type of Government. That such armies should exist, for instance, in the United States, may seem, on the face of it, fantastic. Yet exist they do.

ON THE ORDINARY SPOT of racketeering, private strong-arm gangs kept for the purpose of suppressing strikes, political "ideals" have been grafted, giving rise to one "little Hitler" after another. Much of the record is still shrouded in mystery and the precise background has not been revealed, yet the facts, even as they have come before the public, are spectacular enough. The post-war Ku Klux Klan, the late Huey Long and the very much alive Gerald L. K. Smith of Mississippi, the murderous Michigan "Black Legion," the March on Washington conspiracy backed by powerful financial groups and exposed by Major-General Smedley Butler, who was offered the leadership—all these were preludes to the present day German-American Bund and its native affiliates and imitators such as the Silver Shirts and the "Christian Frontist" storm-troops of the notorious "Radio Priest," Father Coughlin.

VARYING in a number of externals, these organizations have had the same programme and the same mode of action. Each one advocated a racial theory of "hundred per cent. Americanism," preached and practiced terrorist violence against organized labour, Negroes, Catholics and Jews. All paralleled, in many other ways the early features of Nazidom. If the Department of Justice has now taken the matter in hand, it is not a whit too soon.

## ITAGAKI AND THE GUARDS

THE JAPANESE TROOPS that were soundly beaten at Kulunkwan, in Kwangsi, belonged to the Fifth Division long commanded by General Itagaki, now Chief of Staff under General Nishio, of the entire invading army in China.

This Division has a unique record for disaster. At the outset of the war it was badly mauled by the Eighth Route Army at Pinghsinkuan, in Shansi. Later it suffered at Linyi and Talerchuang. Transferred to the Mongol front, it bore its share of responsibility for the miserable showing of the Japanese army against the Soviet-Mongol forces. Kulunkwan is its newest battle "honour."

MORE INTERESTING still is the story of North Kwangtung, where the Chinese plier movement routed the Imperial Guards, only recently sent to the China front.

IF THIS is what happens to the cream of the Japanese forces fighting against an adversary as poorly equipped as the Chinese armies on the Southern front, how poor, we are entitled to ask, is the watery remainder.

## TRIBUTE TO EFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE IS PAID AT THE FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

## Usefulness To Hongkong Expressed By A.R.P. Chief

TRIBUTE TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE and appreciation of its usefulness to the Colony were expressed by the Director of Air Raid Precautions, the Deputy Commissioner of Police and the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade at the first annual dinner of the organisation, held in the St. Francis Hotel last night.

Members of the A.F.S. attended in full force and the guests included many officers of the regular Fire Brigade. Mr. D. H. Blake, Superintendent of the A.F.S., occupied the chair, and those present included Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins (Director of A.R.P.), Mr. C. G. Perdue (Deputy Commissioner of Police), Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry (Superintendent of the Fire Brigade), Mr. G. C. Moss, Mr. W. M. Smith, Mr. C. W. Brand, Mr. C. W. Browne, Mr. J. S. Howell, Mr. R. Grimshaw, Mr. Chan Mak-heung and Mr. Harold Chan.

The toast to the health of the A.F.S. was proposed by Mr. Perdue, who said that the Commissioner of Police, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, had asked him to convey his apologies for not being able to be present, as his family had arrived yesterday after a very perilous journey from Europe. Mr. King had asked him to thank the A.F.S. for their work and to express to them his very best wishes for their future.

## SPLENDID RESPONSE

Mr. Perdue said he had the greatest pleasure of being present because, in the early stages of the A.F.S., he had the honour of serving as Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade. He was greatly encouraged by the splendid response to the appeal launched by Mr. Fitz-Henry; it was striking demonstration that all communities in Hongkong realised their duty to the Colony and were prepared to carry it out.

The A.F.S. was a very valuable force, said Mr. Perdue, who paid tribute to the co-operation existing between the Auxiliary force and the regular Fire Brigade, who were on terms of the highest cordiality.

Replying, Mr. Blake recalled the birth of the A.F.S. in July last and mentioned the endeavours of Mr. Chan Mak-heung to secure members. Mr. Chan's recruiting efforts were the best he had ever seen, said Mr. Blake.

## A REAL FORCE

Mr. Fitz-Henry's help and the co-operation and kindness of the regular officers of men of the Fire Brigade would always be remembered by the A.F.S., continued Mr. Blake, who said that the fine organisation of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade in helping the A.F.S. to get started and form itself into a real force was something to be admired.

Mr. Blake thanked Wing Commander Steele-Perkins for his interest and encouragement, and Mr. J. S. Howell, Mr. E. R. Price and Mr. Fung Su-wah for the work they had put in to make the A.F.S. what it was at the present time.

FACTS MUST BE FACED The tribute to Mr. Fitz-Henry's organisation was heartily endorsed by Wing Commander Steele-Perkins, who said that 275 men were not enough to deal with the menace of incendiary bombs. Facts had to be faced, he said. If a machine came over the Colony and dropped 1,000 bombs, which it was capable of carrying, perhaps 25 to 50 per cent. of them would cause major conflagrations. To cope with this, 1,000 men were necessary, and he would like to convey a hint to the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade that if the latter should apply for 1,000 men and the money to meet the expansion he would get it.

CONSISTENT WORK Mr. Fitz-Henry said it did not require many words to express his appreciation, and that of the officers of the Fire Brigade, of the kind thoughts that prompted the invitation to attend the dinner. He had great pleasure to note the consistent work of the A.F.S. in training and the fine esprit de corps of the organisation.

The service and assistance of the A.F.S. at first was very much appreciated, he said. The gratifying results of the recruiting campaign showed that there were many in Hongkong who realised they had a duty to the Colony, and he was impressed by the response to the appeal to perform work which required bravery, endurance and a sense of public service.

The proceedings were enlivened by the music of Professor F. Gonzalez, and impromptu items by members of the A.F.S., which, together with the excellent arrangements made by the management of the St. Francis Hotel, made the occasion a memorable one.

PROTESTS MADE The Agency adds that in view of this, the Soviet Ministers in Sweden and Norway were authorised to make appropriate representations.

The Soviet Minister to Sweden, on Jan. 5, delivered a declaration to the Swedish Foreign Minister, stating that during December newspapers hostile to the U.S.S.R., headed by a newspaper which is closely connected with the Government, carried on a campaign against the Soviet, which is only explicable if Sweden were in a state of war with the U.S.S.R. or preparing for war against the U.S.S.R.

REPLIES CONSIDERED "UNSATISFACTORY" According to the Moscow radio, the replies to the Soviet protests to Norway and Sweden "cannot be considered satisfactory."

The radio adds that "the attitude of Norway, and especially Sweden," as revealed by their answer, only proves their lack of resistance against the powers which exert pressure to involve the Scandinavian countries in the present conflict.

There are five survivors and eleven men who are missing, it is feared, have perished.

## ONE COMMAND &amp; ONE IDEAL

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Somewhere in France, Air Marshal Barratt took over his duties as Air Force Commander-in-Chief the British Air Force in France.

His first official act was to sign an Order of the Day announcing that the British Air Forces are united in one command. He says: "The one ideal that inspires us is to do our utmost to win the war. We will work wing-tip to wing-tip with the Allied Air Forces to bring the war to a speedy and decisive conclusion."

## HOUSE PIERCED BY BOMB

HELSINKI, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—There was another air raid alarm yesterday morning. Several Soviet planes were seen, but no bombs were dropped on the capital itself. The adjoining districts, however, were bombed and it is reported that the residence of the U. S. Minister, some twelve miles outside the capital, was wrecked when a large incendiary bomb went through the roof and the living room and buried itself in the foundations without exploding. The American Minister left the house some days ago.

## RED CROSS BOMBED

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Havas).—Soviet planes bombed the Danish Red Cross unit on the Finnish front according to a report from Prof. Kivis, head of the Danish Sanitary Unit in Finland. There were no casualties.

## SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS

HELSINKI, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—General Lindberg, Officer Commanding the Swedish Volunteers in Finland, issued his first proclamation. He stresses the great task ahead of them and says they are fighting not only for Finland, but all the northern countries.

## HEAVY AIR RAIDS

HELSINKI, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The air raids over Southern Finland yesterday were the heaviest so far experienced. There were many civilian casualties and considerable damage done.

At many places the raiders machine-gunned civilians. In the county of Helsinki alone over a dozen towns were attacked and large fires occurred and telephone and telegraph communications broken.

A hundred Soviet machines are reported to have participated in the raids. Three planes were brought down.

## German Bluff Again Or—? BELGIUM, HOLLAND AND NAZI MENACE Uneasiness Prevails

## SPIES ARRESTED: ARMY LEAVE IS CANCELLED

PARIS, JAN. 15 (REUTER).—DESPATCHES RECEIVED HERE STATE THAT TWO GERMAN SPIES WERE ARRESTED IN HOLLAND.

ONE WAS ALLEGED TO BE SENDING A DAILY METEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN FROM A TRANSMITTING POST INSTALLED IN A CAR, WHILE THE OTHER IS STATED TO HAVE VAINLY TRIED TO PROCURE LARGE QUANTITIES OF MOTOR TYRES.

## MILITARILY PREPARED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—An official statement says that suspension of army leave does not mean that soldiers on leave must return immediately, but no new leave will be granted. Many soldiers yesterday morning thought they must return to barracks immediately and cancelled their arrangements unnecessarily. However, Holland is "militarily prepared" for whatever may happen.

The heavy frosts of the past week have produced ice thick enough to bear men and even motorcars, but not heavy mechanised transport or tanks. The temperature rose last night and thaw started today. Big ice in the river are breaking up and conditions generally would render the movements of a big attacking force very difficult.

## FOREIGNERS ROUNDED UP

Beyond the announcement that the suspension of Army leave was ordered in view of the unfavourable international situation no official announcement has been made by the Netherlands Government to explain the sudden cancellation of all army leave.

On Saturday night, however, there was a large scale round-up of foreigners in Amsterdam, and a number were taken to the police stations to have their identities confirmed.

## POSSIBILITY OF BIG ATTACK

Special to the H.K. Daily Press  
PARIS, Jan. 15 (Havas).—Political circles learnt with anxious interest the news of the Dutch and Belgian moves for the protection of their frontiers.

Precise information of the renewed German threat is not available, but it is pointed out that German concentration along the neutral borders has not been modified since Nov. 11 and an attack could start upon a first order.

It is recalled that an attack against Holland was postponed two months ago when Berlin learnt that Belgium was co-operating with the Allies for the defence of Holland and allowing for the passage of British and French troops.

While the Belgian and Dutch precautionary measures are entirely justified by repeated observation flights of German planes over neutral territory and the arrival of German motorized units at the Dutch frontier and in view of the rapid propaganda against the low countries, political circles wonder whether the German threat to Holland is not meant only for diverting attention from the real German aims in Central Europe.

It is reliably learned that military measures have been taken on the Slovak-Hungarian frontier and that important troops movements have been observed in Bohemia and Moravia.

## CABINET MEETS

THE HAGUE, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—A special meeting of the Netherlands Cabinet was called last night to discuss the international situation, but no statement has yet been issued.

The army order cancelling army leave affects 50,000 officers and men.

## "ARMED &amp; READY"

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—A statement issued on the new military measures by the semi-official Belgian Agency, says: "The measures are taken to show that the Government is not lacking vigilance."

"Nothing has been concealed from the public. Alarmist reports have been spread both here and abroad, but these cannot move our patriotic Belgians. Belgium remains calm, but is armed and ready."

## BELGIAN ANXIETY: ALMOST TOTAL MOBILIZATION

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Some anxiety is felt in the Lige region, where German troops are stated to be in readiness, and German planes fly over the region occasionally at low altitude.

## GERMAN BLUFF OR—?

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The General impression in well-informed quarters is that nothing serious has occurred so far and the situation is considered slightly easier.

Political circles regard the whole manoeuvre as a German bluff in order to ascertain how far Belgium is prepared to resist possible aggression.

It is understood that certain troop concentrations are taking place in order to counteract possible German concentrations, especially in the La-Aix-Chapelle region.

## MOBILIZATION

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—"Phase D" of Belgium's mobilisation plan has now come into operation. This is almost total mobilisation, as only one more phase remains to be called.

A certain number of Belgian reservists of the 1920/21 class and some technicians have been called up, and the Belgian Radio has warned all soldiers on leave that they must rejoin their units immediately.

Yesterday the radio announced the requisitioning of property and all forms of transport. Belgian factory workers have been taken over for military duties.

## PENULTIMATE STAGE

The bringing into force of "Phase D" of the reinforcement of the Army means that the penultimate phase of the mobilisation series has been reached, the last phase being general mobilisation. One result of bringing into force of Phase D is the constitution of General Headquarters. From now onwards, General Headquarters gives orders and takes over the functions hitherto performed by the Ministry of National Defence.

Despite a certain atmosphere of tension, life in Brussels is proceeding more or less normally and the streets were full of the usual Sunday crowds. While the cinemas and cafes were well patronised.

## FROST EFFECT

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Though frost is prevailing in Europe, it is not thought here that it will have any great effect on a land's system of water defences.

The ice may be strong enough to allow the passage of a certain number of men, but not material, such as lorries, guns and tanks.

## HUGE CONCENTRATIONS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 15 (Havas).—The concentration of German engineers units is reported along the whole length of the Dutch border, especially on the Dogholt-Borken-Wesel triangle on the north bank of the Rhine. Special units, equipped with small motor launches having on board motorcycles and armed with machine-guns, have arrived in the same sector.

An abnormal transportation of troops was witnessed throughout Germany, while numerous planes have concentrated on the Belgo-Dutch frontier.

## ROUTINE ACTION

THE HAGUE, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is stated that the round-up of foreigners yesterday was in no way out of the ordinary, as the police had for some years been making such round-ups on an average of thrice weekly.

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About 12,000 Japanese troops are reported to have landed at Whampoa to be used for another offensive in north Kwangtung. While the disposal of these troops is not confirmed, a Japanese army spokesman in Canton, stated some time ago that the first offensive in north Kwangtung had come to a "successful close" and that a second offensive was under preparation (international).



# A CRISIS OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE COMING IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN, SAYS NOTED AMERICAN COMMENTATOR

## Significant Talk On Development Of U.S. Opinion On The War In Europe & The East

LONDON, JAN. 15 (REUTERS).—IT IS CLEAR THAT A CRISIS OF FIRST MAGNITUDE IS COMING IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN," said Mr. Raymond Gram Swing, the noted American commentator, in the course of a highly significant talk on the development of American public opinion in relation to the war in Europe and Japan's aims in the Far East.

Mr. Gram Swing's address, which was recorded direct from New York, was broadcast yesterday.

After President Roosevelt's recent speech, said Mr. Gram Swing, the development to watch for was the public reaction to what he said, for it contained one or two more important ideas and, if these roused any great opposition, one would know what to expect.

### FIRST CONCEPTION

President Roosevelt's first conception was that the American people were bound to be affected by the outcome of the war in Europe and must also have a part in peace.

There are two schools thought in America, Mr. Gram Swing went on. The first believes that the United States cannot live a life of peace except as a member of the world at large, while the second believes that the United States is sufficiently self-sufficient and that its place in the western hemisphere is so secure that it would be a grave mistake ever again to be involved in European or Asiatic conflicts.

When the President came out with the doctrine of one school, it was to be expected that the other would challenge him and make it a major issue. Consequently public reaction would provide a good estimate of American opinion. But the speech was not really challenged and no major disagreement voiced.

### WIDEST APPROVAL

The message was taken as a whole and won the widest approval. Although there was negative reaction, it did round out the importance of the message by the President himself. Such a message should be compared with the earlier ones.

At the outbreak of war the President spoke to the country by radio from White House, in which said that even a neutral has the right to take account of the facts and even a neutral cannot be asked to close his mind or his conscience.

### MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

In his message to Congress last week, the President stressed that there was a vast difference between keeping out of war and pretending that this war is "none of our business." One could see the difference between these two statements and one could sense quite a tangible development.

American opinion has developed less rapidly than it would have if the war had been more intense to date, but here is the ripening of thought and judgment.

There is, Mr. Gram Swing went on, nothing harder than to try and draw up a statement of public opinion which even approximately represents the opinion of a nation of 130,000,000 people. Most of them do not think—that is they do not think ahead, they respond.

### ROUND-TABLE VOTING

But a round-table conference was recently called by the Magazine "Fortune." Its members were chosen from all walks of life—the businessman, the labour leader, the retired naval expert, the contractor, and so on. These men had time to thresh things out and come to a sort of agreement.

Fourteen of sixteen members of the round-table accepted a statement on the following lines:

The round-table believes that if war in Europe results in a Ger-

man victory or a social revolution, it will seriously injure the welfare of the American people.

If the war in Europe leads the people of Europe to adopt a totalitarian system and the United States becomes the one remaining democracy in a totalitarian world, it would live under fire of attack from without and subversive propaganda from within and might develop a native totalitarianism of its own.

American military commitments would be increased by the success of Germany in sinking or acquiring the British Navy or the success of Japan in China.

### JAPAN'S AGGRESSION

The round-table rejected participation in the present war in the circumstances now visible, but also rejected the abandonment of the United States world position through the surrendering of neutral rights or acquiescence in Japan's aggression on China.

The round-table was of the opinion that the United States should refuse to recognise the Japanese New Order in East Asia and should help China (by embargoes against Japan or Government aid to China). It approved of American participation in organisations for peace.

### DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

It then went on to deal with domestic problems. Here are the views of fourteen men, Mr. Gram Swing continued: One man believed that the United States should extend active aid to the Allies; one believed that Communism is closer in a long war and that the United States should induce belligerents to stop fighting or else prepare to meet the debacle alone.

This is a presentation of typical American thought, he went on.

The general impression is that the United States is bound to be affected by the war and believes in the same principles as the Allies, but it does not come to the conclusion that the United States should now enter the war. It does not take much wisdom to know that a free people do not go to war unless, and until, they have to, he continued.

The Englishmen can look back on developments in Europe and know how true that is.

### TRADE AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN

In thirteen days time, the trade agreement between the United States and Japan expires. On that day, the whole question of United States policy in the Far East comes to a head. The United States can then apply an embargo on supplies to Japan and is in a position to negotiate for better conditions in China.

The opinion of the round-table was against acquiescence in Japan's New Order in China and the American Government has so far shown no signs of compromise or a desire to make things easier for the Japanese Army in China. Indeed, the recent letter by Mr. Henry Stimson advocating the stopping of supplies of Japan; the resolution of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee calling for an embargo; and the Navy's declared intention for improving Guam and increases in the navy itself—all are silent pressure on Japan.

It is clear that a crisis of the first magnitude is coming in the

## JAPAN'S NEW PREMIER WAS CAUSE OF FAILURE OF THE MILITARY PACT WITH REICH

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Havas).—Early comments in international circles here stress that Admiral M. Yonai was chiefly responsible, on the Japanese side, for the failure of the proposed military alliance with the Reich and he is known for harbouring moderate views towards Great Britain and the Reich.

Consequently it is thought that it is likely that the new Cabinet will halt the drift towards the Soviet, which marks the last stage of the Abe Government, and try to normalise relations with London and Washington.

### TACTIC ENCOURAGEMENT

Such a policy has the tacit encouragement of the majority of the Japanese nation.

Meanwhile, the following reasons were given to explain why Gen. Hata was not entrusted to form the new cabinet.

### GENERAL HATA

Although the ban against Gen. Hata, who is a general on active service, was lifted by a conference of Army leaders early this month, strong objections were voiced against his policies by certain Army circles, who feared a situation arising with decisions taken against the Army's wishes by a Premier who is a general on the active list.

On the other hand, it is rumoured that influential and moderate elements backed Gen. Hata with the secret hope that he falls in a difficult task and that his departure would eliminate the Army from politics for good.

### PUSH AND BE PUSHED

Gen. Hata himself has clearly realized the situation and is reported to have told his friends: "If people make a case of me, it is because I have a sword at my side."

"The Army is supposed to be the propelling force behind the Government and not the Government itself. I am willing to push ahead, but I cannot push and be pushed at the same time."

### ARMY CO-OPERATION

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (Havas).—After an audience with the Emperor, General Hata informed the Army leaders that the Emperor had "explicitly voiced his desire that the Army should co-operate with Admiral Yonai, the Premier designate."

### CHINESE COMMENT

That the new Japanese Cabinet under Admiral M. Yonai will likely meet with the same fate as the Abe Cabinet is the consensus of opinion.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S PEACE EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

### Statue To Be Erected In Portugal

LONDON, Jan. 15 (BWS).—According to a Lisbon press message, the results of a subscription in September for the erection in Lisbon of a statue of Mr. Neville Chamberlain as a tribute to his efforts for peace, will, according to the wish of Mr. Chamberlain, as expressed through the Ambassador, be applied to public charity under the direction of a *Diario de Noticias*, with the consent of the Portuguese Government.

It has been resolved to donate a portion of the money to the erection of a maternity hospital in Lisbon.

An enjoyable dance was held at the Choro Club last night and was well attended.

relations between the United States and Japan.

### SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Concluding, Mr. Gram Swing said that the most significant event of the past fortnight had been the quiet acceptance by the people of the United States that their country must have a part in the new peace. This did not mean that they felt it should impose peace, but that they were beginning to recognise their country's responsibility in the peace to come.

expressed by the local Chinese Press today.

The TA KUNG PAO points out that whenever a new Japanese cabinet was to be formed in recent years at time of acute friction and impasse, the Japanese ruling class invariably selected its premier from the Navy as a check against the Army. This applies to the selection of Admiral Yonai at present.

### FAR BEHIND

However, the journal says, Admiral Yonai is far behind Admirals Saito and Okada, who headed the Japanese Government before, in ability as well as in prestige. Conditions in Japan today are worse than those six or seven years ago.

Consequently, it may be predicted that the new Yonai Cabinet will follow the same fate as the Abe Cabinet. It may be even more short-lived than the latter because the Japanese political structure is already irretrievably on the way to collapse.

### NOT COMPETENT

THE NATIONAL TIMES comments that Admiral Yonai is hardly a powerful and competent statesman. Although supported by the junior officers of the Navy, he is not on good terms with the diplomats and the Army and has no connections whatsoever with the political parties.

In view of this, it is questionable that he will succeed in stabilizing the political conditions in Japan. Furthermore, it is also doubtful whether he will be able to dispose of the China war which the previous Japanese Cabinets have failed.

### EXPANSION POLICY

The SING TAO JIH PAO predicts that with Admiral Yonai as premier, Japan is likely to strengthen her southward expansion policy and taking advantage of the war in Europe, encroach upon foreign interests in the Far East.

The LIH PAO expresses the opinion that the present difficulty of the Japanese Government does not lie in its personnel problem but in its wrong policy. If the policy of aggression in China is not altered, whoever becomes premier will be just as helpless as his predecessors. —(Central News).

## NEW JAPANESE CABINET

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The Minister of Education is Mr. Chintaro Matsuura (Privy Councilor and former Vice-Minister of Education); Minister for Commerce, Mr. Sakurazuchi (Minister for Agriculture in the Hiranuma Cabinet); Ministry for Welfare, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida (member of the House of Peers and former Ambassador to the Court of St. James's); Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Toshio Shimada (Executive General of the Seiyukai Party and who held the same portfolio from March, 1938, until February, 1937); Minister for Railways, Mr. Tsuruhiko Matsuno (Director of the Seiyukai Party). The portfolios for Home Affairs and Finance are still vacant.

Japan's financier, Mr. Seichin Keda, Governor of the Bank of Japan, signified that he has no intention of accepting the portfolio of Finance.

### UNWILLING TO ACCEPT

Mr. Chuji Machida, President of the Minseitō Party and former banker and who was Minister of Commerce and Industries in July, 1934, until March, 1938, is being favoured but is reported to be unwilling to accept the post.

Mr. Masahito Katsu, member of the Seiyukai Party and former Vice-Minister of Commerce and Industries, is the probable Minister for Finance.

Adm. Yonai is said to have expressed the desire to have four Cabinet Ministers nominated by the political parties and one from the House of Peers.

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## R.A.F. CAPTURE IMAGINATION OF PUBLIC

### MOST BRILLIANT SURVEY FLIGHT

LONDON, Jan. 15 (BWS).—The remarkable reconnaissance flight by machines of the R.A.F. Bomber Command last Friday night over southern Germany and as far as Vienna and Prague has captured the imagination of the public.

The German High Command refers to the exploit in a single sentence which states, "Isolated enemy aircraft carried out a reconnaissance flight over German territory" but German news agencies, in an attempt to minimise the significance of the flights, claim that they were ineffective as they were made at night and that they did not reach as far as Bratislava and turned back far west of Prague and Vienna.

For these reasons, it is added, German anti-aircraft guns did not fire on the raiders.

The Daily Telegraph contrasts this flight of over a thousand miles over German territory and a thousand miles back without a single casualty in machines or men with vain attempts to elude the British coastal defences.

### TRUTH OF FACTS

Referring to the dropping of leaflets on Vienna and Prague during this reconnaissance flight, the Daily Telegraph says, "Even where Hitlerism rules, truth of facts will seep through into the men's minds. From this, the most brilliant survey flight of the war, it will become known to the Germans that the Fuehrer cannot defend them from the air power of the Allies and that the most remote part of the Reich is not safe when Britain and France choose to strike."

The paper continues to point out the range of the Wellington bomber, with full war load, is far greater than 2,000 miles and recalls that Britain already possesses a smaller type of bomber which has done over 7,000 miles non-stop.

## CRUCIAL PUPPET PARLEY

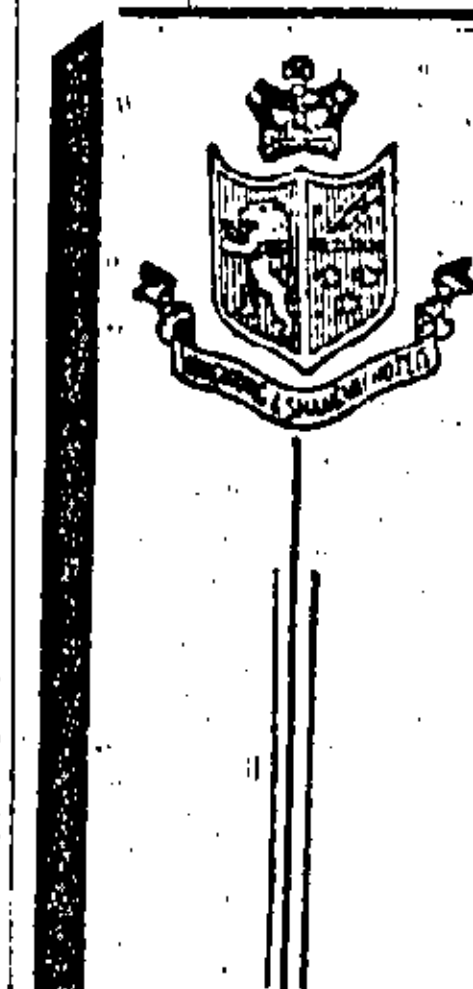
### WANG GOING TO TSINGTAO

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (Havas).—Wang Ching-wei is going to Tsingtao, probably tomorrow morning, to attend a crucial conference with leaders of the Peiping "Provisional" Government and the Nanking "Reformed" Government due to be held before the end of January.

The chief aim of the conference is to make preparations for the establishment of the new Central Political Council as the first stage for the formation and organisation of the new Central Government which Wang Ching-wei hopes to inaugurate on, or after, the Chinese New Year.

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## Threat To Belgium And Holland May Be Nothing At All—London View

LONDON, JAN. 15 (REUTERS).—IF HITLER IS ACTUALLY PREPARING A BLITZKRIEG IT WILL MOST CERTAINLY COME WITHOUT WARNING and, therefore, current alarms about Belgium and Holland may turn out, as was the case more than on the previous occasion, to be false.

## ANOTHER PIECE OF BLUFF, SAY FRENCH PRESS

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—Commenting on the tension in Belgium and Holland indicates that the press generally regards the German threat as another piece of bluff. Pertinax writes in L'Ordre: "The general opinion is that the Reich only wants to obtain supplies through threats."

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—The cancellation of leave of the B.E.F. and the Belgian and Dutch armies forms the principal topic of the New York press.

"Once again Belgium and the Netherlands are preparing to defend themselves," writes the New York Times.

"Whether Germany attacks, or again withholds the expected blows, these neutrals almost as much victims of the war as the belligerents."

### HUGE EXPENSE

"Dutch merchant ships are being sunk each week by German mines and submarines, Belgium and Holland are put to the huge expense of mobilisation and their populations live in constant terror of attack."

The New York Herald-Tribune writes: "If, to the dead of the nations which Nazi imperialism has left behind it, there is added the slaughter of Belgium and Holland, it would be regarded as a monstrous crime by every nation of the world."

### "ALLIED PROPAGANDA"

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 15 (Havas).—The Berlin correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende stated that the German authorities assert that the Belgio-Dutch military measures were taken under the influence of "Allied propaganda" and added that the measures were purely in-

This is the unofficial view but well-informed quarters in London recall a somewhat similar situation arose in November, in regard to the low countries, which were believed to be in peril. Fortunately these fears proved groundless although there was ample substantiation for them at the time.

It is stated that the fears being expressed in the press today might prove unfounded but, it is pointed out that when Hitler has struck in the past it has always been with extreme secrecy and swiftness, therefore, the publicity being given to the low countries may be an indication that nothing, in fact, will take place.

At the same time the precautions taken by the Dutch and Belgian Governments and the stopping of leave by the British High Command are felt to be undoubtedly prudent.

ADMIRABLE CALM. It is learned that the Dutch and Belgian people are taking the situation with admirable calm and this is felt to be an example for other countries.

In view of the improved weather in central and eastern Europe and the apparent thaw in those regions it is believed in London that conditions may be more favourable for adventures here than in the low countries.

It is thought that a move might be made here while attention is diverted to Belgium and Holland.

ternal and of no concern to Germany.

The Politiken Berlin correspondent said that the Belgio-Dutch military measures were motivated by previous assurances which Holland gave to Britain following the kidnapping of two British subjects at Venlo on the Dutch-German border.

The paper concluded: "Strategically, Germany has no wish to start an offensive against Belgium and Holland although it is natural that sooner or later Germany will seek the weakest point on which to start an offensive."



## Over 60 H.K. Residents Return On Italian Liner

### New Police Cadet From Metropolitan College

Arrivals in Hongkong by an Italian liner from Singapore yesterday included over 60 local residents who changed ship at the southern port after a journey, via Suez, by a British liner that was described by one of them as not "unusually eventful."

Among those who returned were many whose return from leave was delayed somewhat by the outbreak of the war. Among the arrivals were Mrs. Alabaster, M.B.E., wife of the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., Attorney General, and her daughter, Mrs. Holmes, and also Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, with Mrs. Williams and their daughter.

Mrs. King, M.B.E., wife of the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, the Commissioner of Police, returned with her two daughters by the same ship and among others on board were Mr. L. H. C. Calhoun, Superintendent of Police, and Mr. G. A. R. Wright-Neath, whose address is given also as Police Headquarters, Hongkong, and who is a Police Cadet fresh from the Metropolitan Police College, Hendon.

Others on board were Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Clerk of Councils, Colonial Secretariat, with Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cahagan, of the Hongkong Electric Co., and their children, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Phillips, of Talkoos, and Mr. David Kossick, of the Harbour Office, who has taken a prominent part in local amateur theatricals and in soccer.

**SCHOOL MASTERS RETURN**  
Lieut.-Commander and Mrs. J. Jolly, and Mrs. G. P. Ferguson, Mr. J. Ferguson, Mr. G. F. Rees and Mr. R. H. Griffiths, the latter all of the Education Department, were among others who disembarked.

Other arrivals by the same vessel were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mills, Mrs. M. Campbell and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Campbell and son, Mrs. Raworth and Miss Anne Raworth, Mrs. Lawder, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. R. S. MacMillan, Mr. G. S. Coxhead, Miss A. M. Davies, Mrs. Hoekyn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Finch, Mr. T. O. Morgan, Mr. G. E. Kirkbride, Mr. K. J. N. Duthie, Mr. P. B. Smith, Mr. J. H. Bottomley, Mrs. Locke and Miss J. E. Locke, Mr.

## H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Order by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. All recruits who have not yet passed Part I. of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday, January 19 at 17.30 hours for instructions under Sub-Inspector (B) Chan Chung Tung. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon. Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

### INDIAN COMPANY

Correction. Constable R268 M. S. Vell taken on the strength of the Indian Company, as from 20th. December, 1939 gazetted in last week's orders should read Constable R268 GURCHARN SINGH is taken on the strength of the Indian Company, as from 20th. December, 1939.

Training Course—Part I. The undermentioned will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, January 17th, 1940 at 17.15 hours sharp for Squad Drill under Sub-Inspector (B) Mehdi Khan:—

Constables R213 M. Ali, R231 A. Karim, R257 Sarwar Khan, R277 M. Afzal, R217 A. Hamid, R218 B. Abbas, R240 A. Mohamed, R259 Abdullah Khan, R265 M. Ramzan, R266 Kesar Ali, R701 N. Khan, R239 M. A. Hamet, R291 A.R. Feroz, R274 H. Khan, R268 Gurcharn Singh, R704 Mohamed Currim, R705 Sultan Khan, R706 M. Yakub, and R708 M. Hobson. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

### FLYING SQUAD.

Patrol Duties will be carried out as ordered.

**EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE**  
Death. The Hon. Commissioner of Police, and Deputy Superintendent of Police Reserve, regret to announce the death of Constable R418 L. F. Rosario on the 14th. January, 1940.

Training Course—Part I. All recruits of the Emergency Unit Reserve will parade at No. 2 Police Station at 17.15 hours on Wednesday, and Friday, January 17th, and 19th, for Squad Drill.

Training Course—Part III. The undermentioned members of the Emergency Unit Reserve will attend King's Park Revolver Range on Sunday, January 21st, at 10.30 hours to fire the Part III Training Course:—  
Constables R465 H. W. Fomero, R466 M. L. Rocha, R478 H. F. Sullivan, R471 J. F. Da Silva, R474 F. J. Medina, R468 A. F. Delgado, R473 S. S. L. De Faria, R475 F. De Sousa, R476 A. R. P. Pereira, R472 L. J. Castilho, R467 A. P. Baptista, R479 C. A. R. Remedios, R489 F. X. Delgado, R470 F. C. Botelho, R477 E. G. Ivanchenko, and R480 B. G. Harris.

Meet at Star Ferry Kowloon Pier at 10.10 hours sharp.  
N. C. O's Meeting. A N.C.O.'s meeting will be held at No. 2 Police Station on Tuesday, January 16th, 1940 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

### O. EAGER.

D.S.P. (R)  
Hongkong, Monday, January 15th, 1940

## CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS BALANCE SOUNDNESS PROVED

### FREE INTERIOR HAS FAVOURABLE BALANCE: OCCUPIED AREAS LAG

During the first three quarters of 1939 while the customs in Free China registered a favourable international balance of payments of \$33,645,000, those in the Japanese-administered areas and in the districts of Shanghai and Kowloon recorded a total unfavourable foreign balance of \$405,115,000, according to statistics published by The Financial Review of the Central Bank of China.

The adverse balance of international payments in the customs under Japanese occupation was given by the same report at \$269,173,000, while that in the ports of Shanghai and Kowloon, which suffer more or less from Japanese interference, was placed at \$155,942,000. Complete data of China's international balance of payments as represented by customs records, both under Chinese administration and under Japanese occupation, follow:

Table of China's International Balance of Payments During First Three Quarters of 1939 as reported by the Chinese Maritime Customs (in thousands of C.N.S.).

Customs	Inpayments		Outpayments		Excess of	
	Merchandise	Treasure	Merchandise	Treasure	Inpayments	Outpayments
<b>Under Chinese Administration:</b>						
Chungking	371	—	930	974	2,275	1,533
Wanchien	—	—	19	—	—	19
Ichang	—	—	11	—	—	11
Shasi	—	—	3	—	—	3
Ningpo	492	—	1,210	62	1,764	780
Changsha	—	—	44	—	—	44
Wenchow	11,779	—	2,657	942	15,378	8,180
Santiao	1,368	—	1,829	—	3,195	463
Foochow	4,650	—	6,886	2,040	13,576	4,276
Swatow	31,666	—	31,539	174	83,379	47
Kiangpei	14,453	—	19,270	—	33,723	4,817
Nanning	—	—	31	—	—	31
Luchow	12,892	—	8,664	3	21,559	4,225
Pakhoi	14,517	—	1,422	—	15,939	13,095
Longchow	33,733	—	26,215	1,044	60,992	6,474
Mengze	31,155	—	17,592	—	48,747	13,563
Szema	368	—	329	—	697	39
Tungueh	3,104	—	3,015	—	8,119	89
Total	160,546	—	121,666	5,235	287,447	33,545

<b>Shanghai &amp; Kowloon</b>						
Shanghai	343,951	2	501,558	—	845,511	157,605
Kowloon	3,875	—	2,212	—	5,087	1,563
Total	347,826	2	503,770	—	851,598	155,942

<b>Not Under Chinese Administration:</b>						
Chinwangtao	27,137	—	40,351	—	67,482	13,214
Tientsin	81,120	—	274,647	—	355,767	193,527
Longkow	328	—	3,764	—	4,092	3,436
Chefoo	8,245	—	20,909	—	29,154	12,984
Wenhaiwei	1,589	—	2,407	—	3,976	338
Kiaochow	42,004	—	86,768	—	128,772	44,764
Hankow	21	—	78	—	99	57
Amoy	2,288	—	7,808	—	10,096	5,520
Swatow	873	—	602	—	1,475	271
Canton	5,061	—	3,774	—	8,825	1,277
Kiangmen	3,875	—	805	—	4,680	3,070
Kiungchow	1,390	—	1,161	—	2,551	229
Total	173,901	—	443,074	—	618,975	269,173

Remark:—Statistics on the customs of Aigun, Harbin, Guntun, Longchentsun, Antung, Dalren, Newchwang, Yochow, Kiukiang, Wuhu, Nanking, Chinkiang, Soochow, Hangchow, Samshui and Wuchow are not listed above.

Statistics on the customs of Swatow were not available for some time since Japanese occupation of that part at the end of June, 1939. The figures quoted above regarding Swatow are compiled after September, 1939, hence they are listed under "Customs not under Chinese Administration."

The figures in the table above are calculated from the official rates between the Chinese national dollars and the customs gold units.

Additionally, The Financial Review also gives statistics on the volume of China's inpayments and outpayments in her international balance of payments during the first three quarters of 1939. The following gives a comparable study of balance of foreign payments in whole China between 1939 and 1938 (difference of the following figures from those in the first table is due to different exchange rates upon which they were calculated):—

	Value of China's Inpayments and Outpayments in International Balance of Payments During First Three Quarters of 1939		Inpayments		Total
			Merchandise	Treasure	
			Exports	Imports	
January-September 1939	648,511	3	648,514		
January-September 1938	529,120	16,515	545,634		
Increases or Decreases	119,392	16,512	102,879		
Percentages	+22.4	—99.9	+18.9		

	Outpayments		Excess of	
	Merchandise	Treasure	Total	Inpayments
	Imports	Exports		
Jan.-Sept. 1939	2,319,312	4,818	2,324,130	1,675,616
Jan.-Sept. 1938	786,539	80,128	866,667	321,033
Increases or Decreases	1,532,773	1,457,463	1,354,584	
Percentage	+104.4	—94.1	+167.9	+421.9

Remark:—The value of merchandise imports in the above table is calculated from market rates between Chinese national dollars and foreign exchanges, hence it differs somewhat from that based on the official exchange rates as quoted in the customs statistics. The import of precious metals is listed under the account of inpayments while their export is labelled as outpayments so as to bring the total value of China's balance of international payments closer to its actual total.

Japanese manoeuvres to discredit the notes of the Kwangtung Provincial bank circulated in Canton have no effect on the legal tender in general but hurt deeply the residents in that city, which is now in confusion. The Japanese Army is forcing the people to use the military yen, which is not backed by any silver reserve. (International)

Feverish work is going on to repair the Kunming-Hanoi railway near Mengzi which was damaged by Japanese naval planes. The damaged parts will be repaired shortly whereby through traffic will be possible. At present traffic continues by making changes over the demolished portion of the railway. (International)

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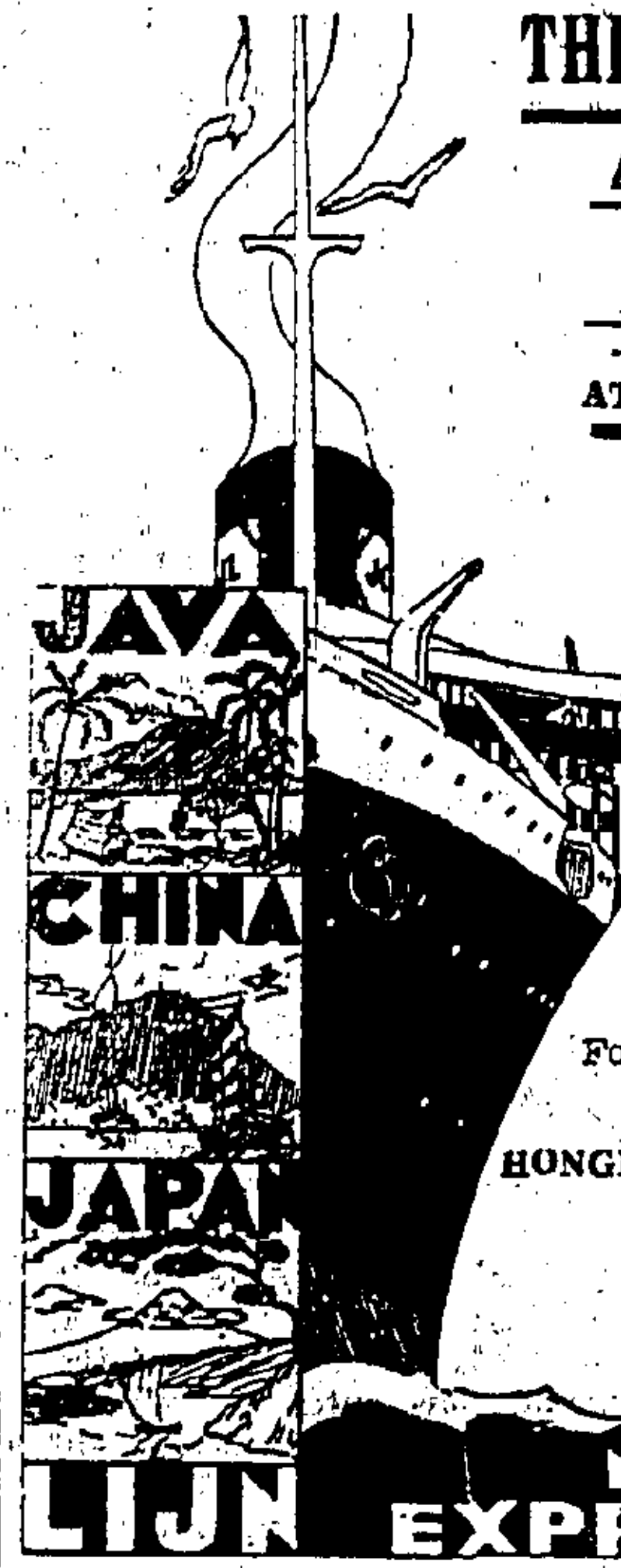
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## LOSSES OF SHIPS

### ALLIED, NEUTRAL, AND GERMAN

"Official statistics" of merchant ship losses from the last year until December 20 published by the official German News Agency placed Allied and neutral losses at 279 ships of a total tonnage of 1,029,835, compared with 13 German ships of 128,889 tons. According to "confirmed reports" it is stated the following losses "can be registered":—

No.	Tonnage.
British	134 526,169
French	12 64,759
Neutral	78 258,209

Total 224 849,137

The Press Association learned in authoritative quarters in London that up to December 27 the following Allied, neutral, and German losses have been registered:—

No.	Tonnage.
British	111 421,974
French	12 56,106
Polish	1 14,294
Neutral	81 251,914

Total 205 744,288

Twenty-three German ships, of a gross tonnage of 139,641, have been sunk and twenty, of a gross tonnage of 89,163, have been captured. —Manchester Guardian (Dec. 30)

## OVERSEAS CHINESE ORGANIZE RELIEF GROUP

CHUNGKING, Jan. 15 (Central)—Under the leadership of Mr. Tan Kah-Kee, well-known Chinese millionaire and philanthropist in Singapore, an Overseas Chinese group will return home from the South Seas sometime in March next to comfort and relieve Chinese fighters at the front and war victims in the rear.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in reply to Mr. Tan's telegraphic report, has wired back his approval and notified all Chinese diplomatic and consular representatives abroad to extend all possible help.

In addition to comforting Chinese soldiers and civilians at home, the group will also study the conditions of their Fatherland to help formulate future relief plans.

## PASSENGERS

### Departures From Hongkong

The following were among the passengers who left Hongkong on Sunday:

Major and Mrs. C. D. F. T. Attfield, Miss and Master Attfield, Miss A. Roberts, Rev. and Mrs. O. S. Bjerkstrand and children, Jandir. Bharwan-sing Bhandari, Miss J. G. Gott, Mr. D. W. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Innes-Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kelly, Mr. A. J. Long, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mackay, Mrs. K. S. Marriott, Miss B. M. Marriott and Master J. E. A. Marriott, Miss L. M. Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nettleton, Mr. A. Oppenheim, Miss E. M. F. Wright.

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter)—The War communiqué issued today says that it was a quite night.

## Women Urged To Replace Men In Camp

COBLEN.—The president of the south-western group of the Country Women's Association (Mrs. E. A. Thornley) has written to branches urging women to take the places on farms of men going into camp.

"The most useful way of helping the Empire at present is by keeping up production and increasing it if possible," she stated.

Similar letters have been sent by other group presidents to branches throughout Victoria. Branches are asked to get in touch with farmers and find out if they will be short-handed and could employ women. It is proposed that branches then communicate with young women in the district, especially those who have no regular employment.

Strong girls, it is pointed out, could stook crops, help load and stack hay, feed calves and cows, wash cowsheds and separators, bring in the cows, pick and pack fruit, help dip, drench and move sheep, groom horses, harrow and drive carts. Some of the work would have to be done under instruction.

**SKILLED WORKER.**  
The president of Cobden branch (Mrs. J. Nicoll), a farmer's widow, said she was sure all would do their utmost to help, but she thought the average farmer would prefer to manage by himself with the help of a skilled worker, rather than with more than one who would require supervision. She thought it would be more practicable if women not used to farm work tried to make jam and did other useful odds and ends for the wives of farmers, leaving them free to help their husbands. The branch will notify headquarters that all members will do their utmost to help should the occasion arise.

## FIVE CATS OUT OF THIS BAG

Four ten-week-old kittens jumped out when workmen at Maryvale Paper Mills, Traralgon, Victoria, Australia, opened a case of machinery sent from England. The kittens must have been born in the crate, as it was securely bolted throughout the journey. Their mother had kept herself alive by eating the fat cooked on the machinery. —(Daily Mirror).











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## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory  
10 a.m. June 15.  
Barometer (at sea level), 29.94 ins.  
Temperature, 85 F.  
Humidity, 82 per cent.  
Wind Direction, E.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.  
Temperature, maximum yesterday 87 F.  
Temperature, minimum last night 61 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1st nil.  
Against an average of 0.36 ins.  
Sunset tonight, 6 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.08 a.m.  
4 p.m., Jan. 15.  
Barometer (at sea level), 29.80 ins.  
Temperature, 84 F.  
Humidity, 82 per cent.  
Wind Direction, E/S.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Maximum temperature, 88 F.  
Minimum temperature, 61.  
Rainfall, nil.

First Aid and Home Nursing  
certificates obtained in examination, held in October and November, 1939, can now be called for at the office of the Accountant, Medical Department, Post Office Building.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 16 to 22 Jan. 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	16	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		0 0	5 7	07 29	3 1
		14 11	5 0	19 21	4 0
Wed.	17	0 34	5 2	08 00	2 5
		14 45	5 2	20 58	4 0
Thurs.	18	01 20	4 6	08 25	2 9
		15 25	5 5	23 00	3 7
Fri.	19	02 43	4 1	09 04	3 1
		16 15	5 9	—	—
Sat.	20	04 48	3 2	09 19	3 1
		17 10	6 4	09 55	3 4
Sun.	21	06 55	3 8	01 10	2 4
		18 00	8 9	11 06	3 4
Mon.	22	09 08	4 0	01 54	1 7
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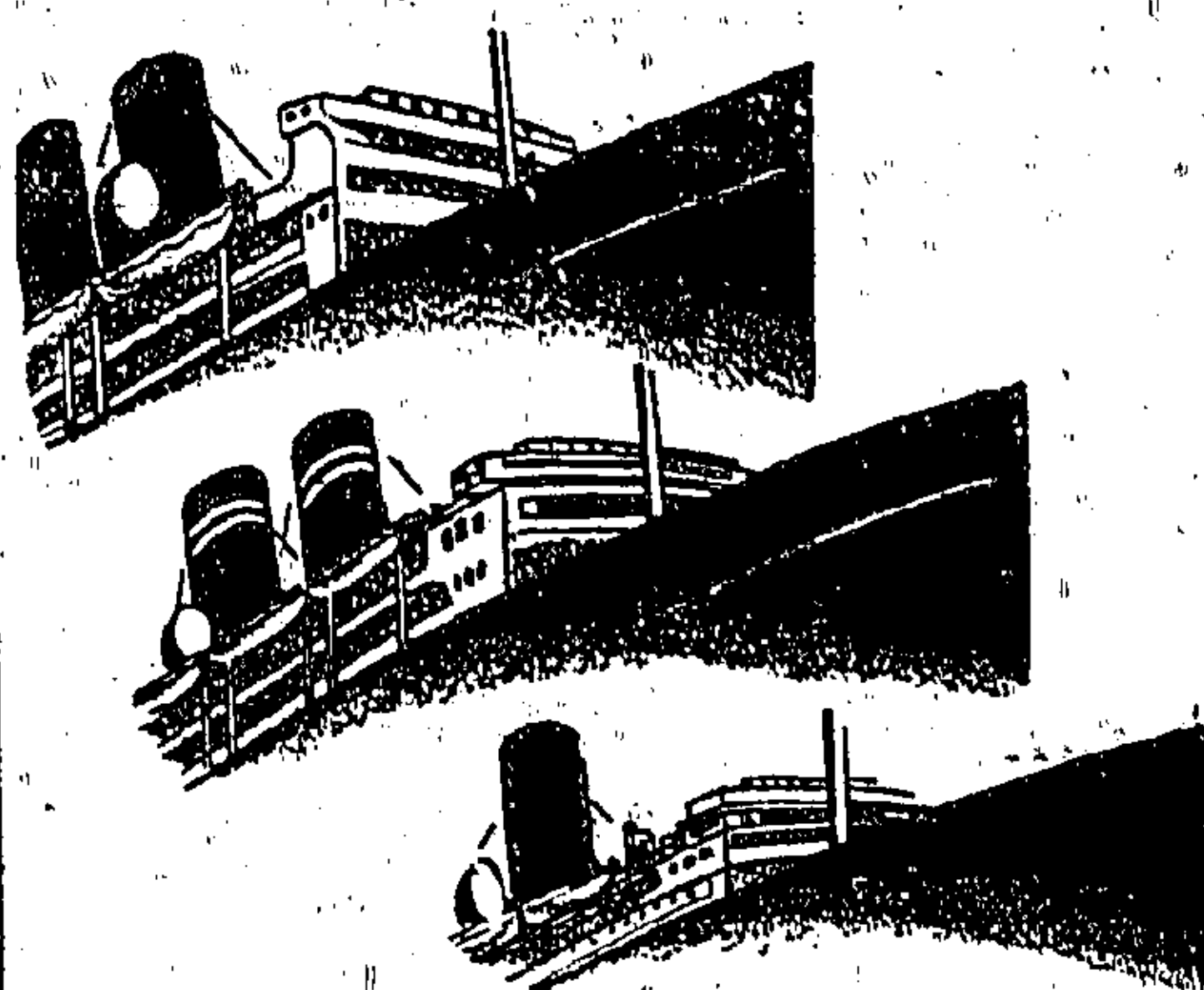
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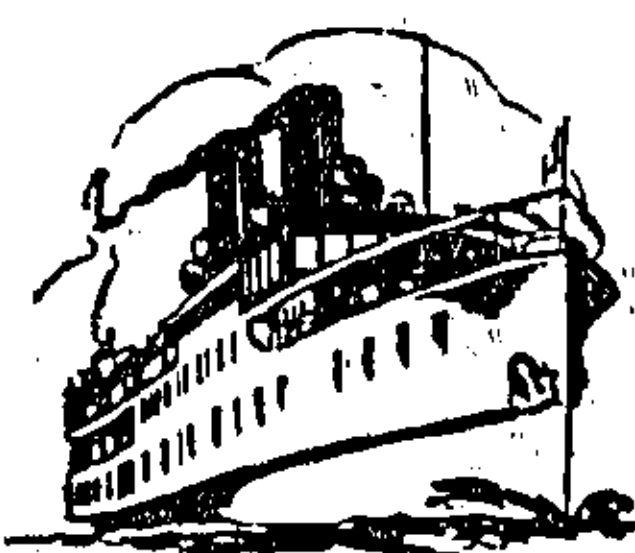
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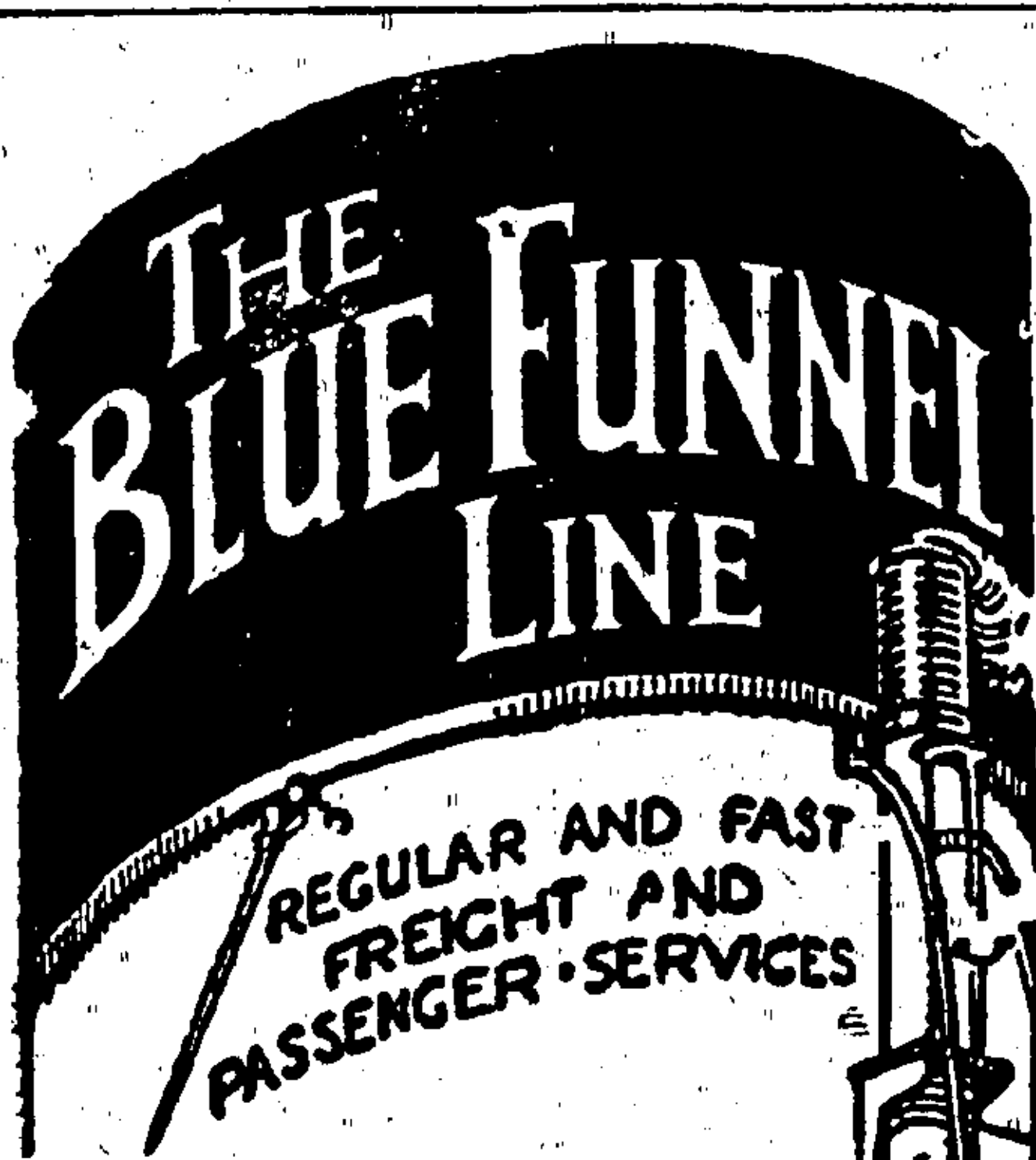
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# RELENTLESS CHINESE PURSUIT OF JAPANESE: CONTINUED DRIVE IN NORTH KWANGTUNG

## Good Progress Made Over Last Week-End

SHIUHUNG, Jan. 15 (Central)—The Chinese North Kwangtung counter-drive continues to make good progress during the week-end.

Chinese forces in Fahsien are branching out in two columns in relentless pursuit of the Japanese along the Canton-Hankow Railway and east of the line.

Both Kuntien, the Japanese stronghold along the railway 25 miles northwest of Canton, and Kunyiu, 15 miles north-west of Canton, are under direct Chinese attack.

In the vicinity of Kwoktai-hu, an important village five miles west of Kuntien across the railway, Chinese forces scored a series of minor gains last week-end, killing several hundred Japanese and seizing four field guns and nine machine-guns. The Japanese at Kwoktaihu have retreated to the south-east.

### CHINESE ADVANCE

MILO, Jan. 15 (Central)—Chinese forces have thoroughly destroyed extensive sections of the Canton-Hankow Railway between Puchi and Tingszekiao in South Hupeh above Yoyang.

Pierce fighting between the opposing forces raged throughout the weekend east of Puchi where the Chinese inflicted considerable casualties over the invaders Kwantang-h and Chunghopu, two small stations on the railway, were briefly recaptured and later again abandoned.

### CHINESE PRESSURE

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Jan. 15 (Central)—Increasing pressure is being taken by the Chinese on Suhsien, on the Yun River about 34 miles west of Yingshan, in North Hupeh. More important suburban points, including Yuchia-lu and Chowwan, have been recaptured.

Mapping, important Japanese salient south-east of Suhsien, is being surrounded.

More than 2,000 Japanese reinforcements rushing from Yingshan to Mapiing and Siho have been intercepted by the Chinese at Shihliu, where spirited fighting is in progress.

In Central Hupeh, fighting continues at Sunchiakiao, Huangchafai and Yangtsuchen, along the Chungsiang-Kingshan highway.

### JAPANESE DRIVE

LOYANG, Jan. 15 (Central)—Japanese infantry, cavalry and artillery units at Kai-feng launched a combined drive towards Chung-mow, 20 miles south-west of Kai-feng, on Saturday. Japanese guns heavily shelled the town. Fighting is reported to be still raging.

Covered by artillery fire, a Chinese force attacked Taikang, in east Honan, last week.

### TOWNS RECAPTURED

SOMEWHERE IN SHANTUNG, Jan. 15 (Central)—Shangyangtien and Chingkwowchen west of Kaomi, on the eastern section of the Kao-tai Railway, in Shantung, have been recovered by the Chinese.

In a battle at Chihchiakow, south-west of Kaomi, recently, the Chinese inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese and destroyed three Japanese trucks.

Several truckloads of Japanese rushing from Ankiu to Chucheng in east Shantung, were ambushed and beaten by the Chinese at Kanchuanling, south-east of Ankiu. Reinforced, the Japanese launched a counter-attack on the Chinese, but were again defeated. They suffered more than 300 casualties.

## 42 YEARS IN CHINA

Sir H. Phillips Leaves

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (Reuter)—A large crowd of British and foreign military officials bade farewell to Sir Herbert Phillips, O.B.E., F.R.G.S., retiring British Consul-General, who boarded the liner President Coolidge which is leaving early tomorrow morning. Sir Herbert has been in China for 42 years. He was Student Interpreter in 1898 and from 1930 to 1937 was British Consul-General at Canton.

Sir Herbert is 62 years old.

## FIRST FOREIGN AMBASSADOR TO VISIT HANKOW

The United States Consul-HANKOW, Jan. 15 (Reuter)—General here intimated yesterday that Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador, will arrive at Hankow on Jan. 29, with Rear-Admiral Glassford.

They will leave for Shanghai on Feb. 2.

Mr. Johnson will be the first Ambassador to visit Hankow since the Japanese occupation.

## Guns Roar On Western Front

### MUCH AERIAL ACTIVITY

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter)—Guns and planes have shown greater activity than in the past twenty-four hours, though infantry carried out the usual patrol reconnaissances. Artillery has been busy again east and west of Vesges and north of Bitche. In the areas where the guns have been firing a good deal in the past few days.

### AERIAL ACTIVITY

There was much aerial activity on both sides and German machines made long reconnaissance flights into North and East France, while Allied planes were busy over front lines reconnoitering and photographing while fighters protected them overhead. An unusually large number of fighters took the air.

Besides British flights over German territory French planes made long reconnaissance flights over almost the whole of South Germany.

### CAVALRY PATROLS

It is reported that cavalry is now being widely used on the Western Front for patrol work and scouting in No Man's Land.

The cavalrymen are mostly Spahis from Algeria and Morocco.

Group Captain W. E. G. Byran, Air Attache of the British Embassy in Tokyo, arrived by air in Canton on January 12 to inspect the conditions in the former metropolis.

## Hongkong - Macao Relief Association Inaugurated

THE HONGKONG-MACAO CHINESE RELIEF ASSOCIATION WAS FORMALLY INAUGURATED at the Chinese Merchants' Club yesterday afternoon before a gathering of prominent Chinese residents of the British and Portuguese Colonies.

Gen. Wu Te-chen, Director of the Overseas Board of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, who presided at the meeting, declared that the National Relief Commission at Chungking has been deeply concerned over the large number of civilian refugees who have been forced to flee to Hongkong and Macao following the outbreak of hostilities in South China.

He added that the new association had been commissioned by the Chungking organization to carry out relief work among the Chinese civilian refugees in the two Colonies.

Gen. Wu expressed gratification and thanks to the Hongkong Government for the material aid given to the Chinese refugees here. He also thanked the local relief organizations and leaders for money and assistance given for the care of these refugees.

In outlining the object of the new association, Gen. Wu said that the organization would receive its support directly from the National Relief Commission and that it would co-operate with the local relief bodies in carrying out their programme.

DEEPLY IMPRESSED Bishop Hall, in a brief speech, stated that the British community in Hongkong was gratified at the aid given by the Chinese Government and was deeply impressed by the thought that the Chinese authorities had not neglected their

own people. He said that the gift from the Kwangtung Provincial Government for lepers at Sheklung had continued to come despite the Japanese occupation of that town.

Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. Li Yan-chuan, Mr. Philip Gockchin, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission, and a representative from Macao, also spoke and pledged their full support to the new association.

### COMMITTEE NAMED

A committee in charge of the work of the association will have the following members: Gen. Wu Te-chen, Admiral Chan Chak, Mr. O. K. Yui, Mr. Ou Fang-pu, Dr. T. K. Mr. Ouyang Kui, Mr. Philip Gockchin, Mr. Ng Chak-wah, Mr. Ngan Sing-kwan and Mr. Yip Lan-chuen.

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Japan	17th Jan.
Haiphong	17th Jan.
Shanghai	17th Jan.
Canton	17th Jan.
Straits and Saigon	17th Jan.
Australia and Manila	17th Jan.
U. S. A. Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd December 1939)	17th Jan.
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Sandakan	18th Jan.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	18th Jan.
Shanghai	18th Jan.
Europe via Suez and Straits—London date, 2nd Dec. 1939	20th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th January	20th Jan.
Shanghai	20th Jan.
Straits	20th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 13th January	21st Jan.
Japan	21st Jan.
Shanghai	21st Jan.
Shanghai	21st Jan.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	21st Jan.
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Java and Manila	21st Jan.
Straits	21st Jan.
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Shanghai	21st Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	21st Jan.
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Manila	21st Jan.
Shanghai	21st Jan.
Java and Manila	21st Jan.

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Reg.	5.00 P.M.
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Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th February	Reg. 8.45 A.M. Ord. 9.30 A.M.
Bangkok	9.30 A.M.
Manila	9.30 A.M.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	10.00 A.M.
Manila	1.30 P.M.
Shanghai	2.30 P.M.
	<b>K.P.O.</b>
Reg.	5.00 P.M.
Ord.	5.30 P.M.
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Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 25th January	Reg. 5.00 P.M. Ord. 7.00 P.M.
Straits	7.00 P.M.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thu. 18th</b>
Canton	7.15 A.M.
Shanghai	2.30 P.M.
Japan	7.00 P.M.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. 19th</b>
Sandakan	8.30 A.M.
Fort Bayard and Holhow	1.30 P.M.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 20th</b>
Calcutta	Par. 10th 5.00 P.M. Ord. 20th 8.30 A.M.
Tourane	8.30 A.M.
Saigon	10.30 A.M.
Haiphong	2.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Japan	2.30 P.M.
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due London, 3rd March	Reg. 5.30 P.M. Ord. 5.30 P.M.
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Amoy	5.30 P.M.
South Africa via Durban	5.30 P.M.

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